A Painful Transition In Eastern Europe

By Jane Perlez

KONIN, Poland — As Jan Rusin, a 43-year-old coal miner, sits in his woodpaneled living room admiring the fruits of his labor under communism - a television set, comfortable furniture, a shiny, modern kitchen -he wonders why be is jobless and dependent on welfare payments. Capitalism, be says, was supposed to bring him more, not less.

A few miles away in the heart of this industrial town, Elzbieta Leszczynska, creates wedding dresses in the airy basement of her two-story home. Amid the swish of brocades and laces, and the clip of scissors and sewing machines, Mrs. Leszczynska, one of Poland's new small entrepreneurs, runs a staff of 43 and sells glamorous gowns to boutiques around Poland. But, she, too, is not satisfied. Why can't she expand her business faster? she asks.

The stories are different, but the frustrating reality is the same: In Eastern Europe, capitalism cannot be built overnight. And when it comes, it comes at a price few here expected.

Working habits and egalitarian atti-tudes drilled into minds by 40 years of communism remain deeply embedded

five years after its collapse, making it difficult for people to work through the painful first stage of a conversion to a market economy.

Nonetheless, signs of sudden consumption stand out in once-bleak land-scapes. Foreign cars with Polish license plates roar down the decrepit Warsaw-Berlin road. In Budapest, beauticians sell expensive skin creams to nouveau riche women with \$1,300 cellular telephones tucked in their pocketbooks. The highway outside Prague is dotted with new rest stops that peddle snacks and ice cream along with gasoline, just like in the

These three countries of the former Warsaw Pact — Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic — have moved onto the fast track, economists say. More than half the people in these nations work in private business. Small manufacturers have emerged alongside cumbersome state factories. Scores of private banks have opened, and fledgling stock mar-kets attract investors from home and

But many Poles, Czechs and Hungarians are worse off today than they were See EAST, Page 5



Madeleine K. Albright, the U.S. envoy to the United Nations, raised the U.S. sign, indicating she wished to reply to Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister. resolve on the same issues that involved us

U.S. Sends Carrier To Gulf as Iraqi Force Nears Kuwait Border

By Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Iraq's Republican Guard troops moved toward Kuwait on Friday, prompting President Bill Clinton to send an aircraft carrier and navy and Marine forces to the region and to warn that Washington would defend its Gulf

Two Republican Guard divisions, the Hammurabi and the Al Nida, left their garrisons in central and northern Iraq in the last two days and were heading south. along with supplies of ammunition and other logistics, officials said. At least one brigade has already arrived just north of the border, according to classified intelli-

A senior official quoted by Reuters estimated that Iraqi forces in the area could total 40,000 to 50,000.

At the Pentagon, Defense Secretary William J. Perry said the Iraqi troop movements "are not routine and are not typical of what we've seen in the past and therefore cause us concern."

U.S. officials said they thought the troop deployments were probably a bluff de-signed to encourage the UN Security Council to lift economic sanctions imposed after Iraq's defeat against overwhelming U.S. force three years ago.

At a White House press conference, Mr. Clinton said he would not permit Baghdad to intimidate the United Nations into taking such a move.

"It would be a grave mistake for Saddam Hussein to believe for any reason that the United States would have weakened its in that conflict just a few years ago." Mr. Clinton said, referring to the Iraqi presi-

But chastened by the failure to anticipate the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, officials said they could not be sure of President Saddam's intentions. Despite its defeat, Iraq has never acknowledged Kuwait's autonomy, maintaining its

claim to the territory.

Mr. Clinton ordered a U.S. aircraft carrier and a Marine amphibious group to the area, and put U.S. Army troops on alert. Britain said it was sending a ship.

[A Pentagon official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Mr. Clinton also sent ships loaded with heavy weaponry, normally based on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, The Associated Press

reported. He added that Mr. Clinton had increased air reconnaissance of the region.

The United States has only 12,000 troops in the entire Gulf region, and 11 ships two of which can fire Tomahawk cruise missiles. But an aircraft earrier is fine down away from the region.

five days away from the region.

A brigade of army equipment is stored in Kuwait for use by U.S. troops if they are flown there.

Administration officials said that other military options were being considered. Among them are: moving another cruiser to the Red Sea within cruise-missile firing range of Iraq, sending more planes, and moving the Maritime Preposition Ships, huge floating warehouses of tanks and other Marine weapons at Diego Garcia.

The United Nations is scheduled to take up the issue of continuing the sanctions

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Police Seek 2 Cult Leaders, **But Are They Still Alive?**

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

GENEVA -- Fueling speculation that some of the 48 members of a religious sect found dead here were murdered and did not commit suicide, the police in Switzerland issued an arrest warrant on Friday for the group's founder and leader. Luc Jouret, and his chief associate.

The decision suggested that the police believed that Dr. Jouret and his associate, Joseph di Membro, were not dead. The police said Dr. Jouret was not among the 38 dead members of the Solar Tradition sect that have been identified so far in

The arrest warrants were issued on suspicion of arson and premeditated murder. With identification of 10 badly burned victims still days awey, however, the judge investigating the deaths in Granges-sur-Salvan, the mountain hamlet where these and 15 other bodies were found, was more cautious. "We still don't know if they are umong the victims," Judge Jean-Pascal Jaquemont said of Dr. Jouret and Mr. di Membro.

On Friday night. Swiss television said the body of Mr. di Membro's wife, Jocelyn, had been identified among the dead. It said the couple's 25-year-old son, who lives in Switzerland, had also disappeared. He reportedly told friends a week ago that be was going to Italy with his father.

Evidence that what was presented as a collective suicide after the hodies were discovered Wednesday may have involved murder is nonetheless mounting. On Thursday, another investigating judge, Andre Piller, said some of the 23 victims found at the farming village of Cheiry had been administered a powerful drug before they died.

Earlier, he disclosed that 20 of the bodies had bullet wounds, 10 had plastic bags over their heads and some had their hands tied. Adding to the confusion, though, he said a letter had been found in which one victim wrote to her family that she had

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Seoul Criticizes U.S., Urging Harder Stance on North

By James Sterngold New York Times Service

SEOUL - After weeks of watching in frustration and silence as the United States tries to negotiate a halt to North Korea's nuclear program, President Kim Young Sam of South Korea lashed out in an interview on Friday, criticizing what he characterized as America's lack of knowledge of North Korea and its overeagerness

In surprisingly direct language, Mr. Kim attacked Korea as, in effect, naive and overly flexible.

He insisted that the North Korean government was on the verge of an economic and political crisis that could sweep it from power, and argued that Washington should stiffen, not ease, its position, putting pressure on

Pyongyang to abandon its suspected nuclear weapons

Diplomats and senior officials in the Clinton administration have maintained that such pressure might drive North Korea's Communist regime into a corner and hring the Koreas dangerously close to a devastating war.

But Mr. Kim expressed deep doubts about whether the North Koreans could be trusted to live up to any agreements, and whether the American negotiators un-

"We should resolve the issue through dialogue," he said. "There is nothing wrong with that. The problem is we think we know North Korea better than anyone. We have spoken with North Korea more than 400 times. It didn't get us anywhere. They are not sincere."

Mr. Kim added, pointedly, "The important thing is that the United States should not be led on by the manipulations of North Korea."

The normally placid Mr. Kim made these comments during a spirited hourlong interview with a group of visitors from The New York Times, led by the newspaper's publisher, Arthur O. Sulzberger Jr.

Mr. Kim was clearly unhappy that South Korea had been denied any position in the negotiations, currently underway in Geneva, and yet had been criticized for

He asserted that compromise might only prolong the life of the North Korean regime and send the wrong signal to the leadership in Pyongyang.
"We should not make more concessions in the future."

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Haiti Approves Limited Amnesty

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (WP) -The Haitian Parliament agreed Friday on limited political amnesty for leaders of the coup that toppled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. But it denied them the sweeping pardon they sought and instead passed legislation that could still expose them to charges of murder, rape and corruption.

The measure says President Aristide will decide who gets amnesty.

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2 Spies for the Stasi Spell Out the Damage Done

By Steve Vogel
Washington Post Service
DUSSELDORF, Germany — In a har in Mainz in 1968, after Rainer Rupp bad joined an anti-government demonstration, a new acquaintance bought the 22-yearold university student some soup and a beer and suggested that more than protest was needed to change the system.

"One man can achieve as much as an army." Mr. Rupp recalls his new friend, who called himself Kurt, as saying. With his British-born wife, Ann-Christine, Mr. Rupp went on to inflict as much

potential damage to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as any army in the

Mr. Rupp, 49, a former NATO employ-ee who operated with the East German cover name of Topaz, is at the center of the most serious spy case in the history of the Western alliance. The Rupps, along with two of their accused East German control

officers, went on trial here this week on Strategic Defense Initiative, the Reagan charges of treason.
From 1977 until shortly after the Berlin

Wall fell in 1989, Mr. Rupp testified, he delivered information including material classified by NATO as "cosmic top secret" to the Stasi, the East German security service, which passed it to the KGB, the Soviet intelligence agency.

Among the materials prosecutors say were passed on were highly secret documents on weapon developments among the NATO nations, including nuclear

The Soviet bloc was provided with "all essential plans for the military forces" of various NATO countries, according to prosecutors. Included were planning strategics concerning the use of nuclear weapons in the event of war, reports on NATO alarm systems, troop deployments together with their weaponry and numbers, results from exercises, and reports on the administration's missile defense plan. Such information would have been

priceless to the Warsaw Pact had war broken out, officials say. Also revealed to the Soviet bloc was what NATO knew about its potential enemy's strengths and weaknesses: analysis and situation reports on developments within the armies of the Warsaw Pact and NATO analyses on the Soviet invasion of

Afghanistan. Ann-Christine Rupp, code-named Tur-quoise, delivered, from 1972 to 1980, information about NATO communications systems, planned and active operations of the alliance security service and the status of

spy cases, prosecutors charge. The Topaz case shows serious gaps in NATO's security, analysts say. Rainer Rupp was hired by NATO — after being cleared by West German security — even

though he had been in the employ of the Stasi for more than eight years. Thousands of documents were taken out of NATO beadquarters in Brussels and photographed by Mr. Rupp at his home.

In his testimony, Mr. Rupp described being radicalized during the student demonstrations that swept West Germany and Western Europe in 1968, and said his friendship with Kurt, the acquaintance from Mainz, "gave me a direction."

Eventually, Kurt identified himself as working for the Stasi. By the end of the year, Mr. Rupp had accompanied him to East Berlin and met Stasi contacts. He signed a statement vowing to work for the Stasi and to keep silent. He was told to complete his studies and launch his career, he said; during visits to East Berlin he was

trained in espionage.
"I was absolutely convinced that NATO

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Jobless Rate In U.S. Falls To 4-Year Low

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune

U.S. unemployment fell below 6 percent for the first time in four years, the government reported Friday. But signs of a slight moderation in the torrid pace of U.S. economic growth eased fears of an imminent rise in interest rates.

The U.S. Labor Department revealed that job growth was robust in September but somewhat less so than expected as the economy created 239,000 jobs outside the

"The heat has been turned down, but the U.S. economy is still on the boil," said Robert DiClemente, a senior economist at Salomon Brothers in New York. The September jobless rate, at 5.9 per-

cent, down from 6.1 percent in August, was the lowest since the 5.8 percent of October 1990.

The report bad been anxiously awaited by the financial markets for any signs of inflation that might push the U.S. Federal Reserve to resume tightening interest rates. Its policymakers ebose to leave rates unchanged when they met on Sept. 27.

Long-term bond yields, which had briefly touched 8 percent before the data were announced, fell back slightly on the news. The dollar firmed against major European currencies. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 21.87 to close at 3,797.43.

But analysts said it was far too early to bury fears of resurgent American inflation and of sharp rises in interest rates. Analysts said that although the figure

for iob creation was less than expected, it still offered little signs of the much-antici-pated cooling off in the U.S. economy. That in turn means that financial markets will continue to fear that the United States is bumping up against the limits of its capacity to fill job openings and produce

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Fields of Glory, Now Fields of Drugs

By William Branigin Washington Post Service

PELELIU, Palau - As United States forces fought their way across the Pacific 50 years ago in their drive toward Japan, this island east of the Philippines was supposed to be a way station easily taken. Instead, the battle of Peleliu became one of the most hellish of World War IL.

It has been called the "forgotten battle" of the Pacific war. In hindsight, it was "an island too far," a battle that never should have been fought.

At the time, the Sept. 15, 1944, assault on the island, which is six miles long and two miles wide (10 by 3 kilometers) was aimed at protecting the flank of General Douglas MacArthur's impending invasion of the Japanese-occupied Philippines. But

the island proved irrelevant for that pur-

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pose, and instead of the three-day rout predicted by a U.S. Marine general the fighting dragged on for two and a half months.

The battle marked a Japanese change of strategy in which all-out counterattacks at invasion beaches and suicidal charges gave way to more-defensive tactics designed to bleed the invaders in battles of attrition. The devastating results helped persuade U.S. strategists that an invasion of Japan would cost more than a million American casualties.

When more than 100 American veterans of the battle gathered here last month to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their landing, they found an island much different from the bomb-scarred wasteland they left behind.

Today, the lushly jungled former battle-ground is known for marijuana, the main cash crop of the Palau island group to which Peleliu belongs. In valleys where troops of the 1st Marine Division and the army's 81st Infantry Division fought, farmers now grow a high-quality strain of marijuana that has found a clientele in

Guam and Hawaii, Peleliu's 600 inhabitants generally resent raids staged in recent years by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. When agents hired a light plane to survey the island last year, farmers fired pellet guns at it, cracking the windshield.

In 1992, more than 75 armed U.S. agents from Guam and Hawaii descended on Peleliu in camouflage fatigues and uprooted more than 11,000 marijuana plants. The raid alarmed residents and drew complaints from the Peleliu government and the Palau president, Kuniwo Nakamura. In 1989, a U.S. raiding party arrested 13 people in Palau, including influential politicians, on heroin trafficking charges.

Now, however, the Drug Enforcement Administration and other U.S. agencies no

longer have jurisdiction here. On Oct. 1, Palau formally became independent after 47 years as a U.S.-administered United Nations trust territory, and law enforcement officials fear the change will remove restraints on the marijuana trade. Hinao Soalablai, the governor of Peleliu,

disputes that view. "There are marijuana plantations here, but very few, not like before," he said. Chewing betel out, a mild stimulant, as he spoke, Mr. Soalahlai said that "law enforcement and the national government are very strict" on marijuana growing.

"We are trying to clean it up," he said. The marijuana plantations are off-limits to outsiders. Near Horseshoe Valley, the scene of fierce fighting 50 years ago, a guide warned visitors not to venture up a dangerous path that he said led to marijua-

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POLISHING THE BRASS - A worker cleaning a statue of Douglas MacArthur on Friday at Palo, on the Philippine island of Leyte, in preparation for the celebration of the landing of U.S. and Allied troops 50 years ago.

Magistrates Strike At Berlusconi Firm

ROME - The police raided the Milan headquarters of Prime Minister Silvio Berluscom's media empire on Friday, stepping up the clash between Mr. Berlusconi and anti-corruption magistrates.

Judicial sources said the search, ordered by Milan's elite investigators, was linked to inquiries into possible irregular-ines at Telephu, a pay television channel partly owned by Mr. Berlusconi's Fininvest holding

News of the overnight search was yet another blow to the image of the prime minister. His supporters have accused the magistrates of plotting to bring him down.

It coincided with an opinion poll that showed Mr. Berlusconi trailing in popularity for

U.S. Admits Tie to Haiti Militia Chief

By Stephen Engelberg
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The head of one of Haiti's most infamous paramilitary groups was a paid informant for American intelligence for two years and was receiving money from the United States while his associates committed murders and other acts of political repression. United States government officials said Friday.

The officials said that Emmanuel (Toto) Constant, the head of the FRAPH organization, was dropped from the Central Intelligence Agency payroll last spring after ques-tions arose about his reliability as a source and his group's activities.

Clinton administration officials have vehemently denied providing any aid or support the group, which has been im-plicated in human-rights abuses since the September 1991 coup against the Reverend Jean-Bertrand Aristide. They said the payments to Mr. Constant were small and were part of efforts to gather information from every part of the Haitian political spectrum.

It has been previously reported that leading figures in the Haitian military and police were on the CIA payroll, and government officials acknowledged last year that the Haitian intelligence service trained by the agency was engaged in drug-running and political vio-

The disclosure of Mr. Constant's ties to the CIA, first reand detailed further in The Washington Post, are significant because his group, FRAPH, has spearheaded attacks against supporters of Father Aristide.

In the Nation article, Mr. Constant is quoted as saying he was encouraged to form FRAPH by Colonel Patrick Collins, an American military officer who served in 1991 as defense attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince.

Fascist leader, Gianfranco Fini, a key ally in his coalition.
The CIRM survey for

L'Espresso magazine said that 35 percent of respondents named Mr. Fini as their choice to lead the center-right, as against 27 percent for Mr. Berlusconi.

Shares, government bonds and the lira all slid on the news as Italian markets, shaken by fears of a government collapse as a result of the dispute between Mr. Berlusconi and the magistrates, again took fright

Mr. Berlusconi went on a war footing this week against Mi-lan's chief prosecutor, Francesco Saverio Borrelli. The cabinet filed a complaint

on Thursday accusing Mr. Bor-relli of seeking to undermine the government after he hinted in a newspaper interview that investigators were closing in on Mr. Beriusconi himself in the Teleplu inquiry.
Mr. Borrelli subsequently de-

nied that the prime minister, who has retained ownership of Fininvest, was about to be implicated.

Mr. Berlusconi dismissed talk on Friday that his govern-ment could fall over the dispute, hranding the suggestions rumors craftily spread on foreign stock exchanges."

"I hear talk of a new institutional government, of an insti-tutional crisis, of conflict, of war, of who knows what cise," he said. "The only institutional thing here is the usual gossip of old-style politics."

The investigating team, including the leading anti-corrupfor the chief prosecutor on Friday over the government com-

The judicial sources said financial police had taken away two computer floppy disks as evidence during a search of the Fininvest company offices between 1 A.M. and 3 A.M.

The search, in the presence of the Fininvest president, Fedele Confalonieri, followed questioning Thursday night of a



FOR THE FALLEN — Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, left, and Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, right, mourning three policemen at a funeral Friday in Paris. The officers were killed by a young couple after a wild chase.

Nasrin Rejects Paris's Longer Visa Offer

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS - Accused of cowardice in apcasing Muslim fanaticism, the French authorities on Friday offered a longer visa to the Bangladeshi writer Taslima Nasrin, only to have their overture spurned.

"I will not come to France for the moment," Dr. Nasrin was quoted as saying don magistrate, Antonio Di from her home in Sweden, where she lives Pietro, expressed full support in exile. She fled her country under a death in exile. She fled her country under a death threat from Islamic fundamentalists over her book "Shame," which depicts Muslim persecution of Bangladesh's Hindu minor-

While refusing the compromise proposal of staying in France for a few days instead of the one-day visa offered initially, Dr. Nasrin said that she might visit France in the coming weeks, "provided 1 can travel about and meet the same people originally scheduled."

But she did not soften her earlier criticism of the French authorities' action in Fininvest husiness manager, initially trying to limit her planned week-Oliver Novick, the sources said. long trip. She had termed it "an insult."

The episode hlew up overnight into a political embarrassment because of sensitivities about Islamic fundamentalism. Civil unrest in Algeria, with its potential for spillover in France, has become an issue in the political campaign under way for the French presidential election next

French intellectuals and opposition Socialists denounced the government on Fri-day, saying had it displayed cowardice and had made France look ridiculous. How could Sweden afford to protect Dr. Nasrin, they asked, while the government in Paris spent heavily protecting China's leaders against human rights protesters.

The immediate uproar about Dr. Nasrin's treatment contrasted with the earlier complacency in France about the plight of Salman Rushdie, the British writer of Indian origin who had to go into hiding to escape Islamic fanatics who accused him of hlasphemy of Islam. It took three years, under the previous Socialist government, before he was finally allowed to visit Paris

In the case of Dr. Nasrin, the atmosphere is different because of mounting concern in Paris in recent weeks over the murders and kidnappings of intellectuals and popular ethnic entertainers in Algeria by Islamic fundamentalists.

concern for Dr. Nasrin's safety or that of her audiences, prompted the decision in Paris to limit her prominence, French me-The government's embarrassment has

Fears that these terrorists could start

operating in France, and not any realistic

been heightened because the episode again revealed splits in Prime Minister Edouard Balladur's conservative government.

Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, despite his tough anti-fundamentalist stance, is widely suspected of helping block Dr.
Nasrin's visa. But he publicly put the
blame on Foreign Minister Alain Juppé,
who has pressed for dialogue with Algeria's underground Muslim movements. It was Mr. Juppe who was then obliged to make the offer of a compromise.

WORLD BRIEFS

New Term Would Be Last, Kohl Says

BONN (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl confirmed Friday that if he won the Oct. 16 general election it would be his final four

Mr. Kohl, chancellor three times since 1982, has outlasted Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher. He and President Tran-cois Mitterrand are the last two Cold War figures still in power. The latest polls give Mr. Kohl a slight edge over his Social Democratic opponent, Rudolf Scharping.

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Austrian Warns of Rightist Coalition

VIENNA (Reuters) - Chancellor Franz Vranitzky, bidding for a third four-year term, warned Friday that a coalition between conservatives and the far right after Sunday's elections would

Mr. Vranitzky said he was taking seriously a threat from the conservative Austrian People's Party to end their eight-year coalition with his Social Democratic Party. "We have made it an important point in our own campaign to warn the Austrian electorate that this might be a possibility which in my view, and the view of many others, would mean great damage to Austria," he

Leaders of the Austrian People's Party, including Foreign Minister Alois Mock, have hinted during the closing stages of the election campaign that their party could seek an alliance with the far right Freedom Party of Austria, led by Jörg Haider.

Plague Kills 4 More in Western India

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — India reported four more deaths from pneumonic plague on Friday, raising the official total to 56 in a three-week outbreak.

Senior health officials said three of the deaths were in the west'd coast city of Surat, where the first fatality was reported on Sept. 19. A total of 52 people have died in the city. The other death was in the western state of Maharashtra near its border with Gujarat,

Government health officials say they are convinced the out-hreak is under control, and some foreign governments are cau-tiously lifting stringent controls imposed to keep the plague in India. Some, mostly in the Gulf, barred anyone and virtually everything - including mail - from India.

For the Record

An overcrowded wooden boat believed to be carrying illegal immigrants to Puerto Rico caught fire and sank Friday off the Dominican Republic. Four people died and 26 were missing. (AP) Hindus and Muslims clashed in a crowded marketplace in Bangalore, India, near a mosque Friday in a riot sparked by a language dispute. At least four people were killed and \$3 were injured in the violence.

The Interpol Chief's Speedy Debut
STOCKHOLM (Reuters) — The new chairman of Interpol, the international police body, was caught speeding in central Stockholm within days of his appointment, a Swedish daily reported Friday.

The chairman, Bjorn Eriksson, was quoted by the Expressen as saying he had been on urgent police business — going to a television interview in connection with his new job when he was pulled over.

Mr. Eriksson, who also is commissioner of Sweden's national police, was stopped for driving his Saah at 46 kilometers per hour (29 miles per hour) in a 30-kilometer-per-hour zone, Expressen said. He faces a 1,200 kronor (\$160) fine under Sweden's draconian traffic regulations and could have lost his driver's license if he had been driving 50 kilometers

"I was on urgent business in connection with my duties," Mr. Eriksson told the newspaper. "I don't think I should pay

Failed Iran Uprising Sheds a Defiant Light

By Nora Boustany

QAZVIN, Iran — Residents had posted a white welcome sign. They baked sweets and melted a ton of sugar with crushed wild berries to make sherbat, a festive fruit drink. Ev- defeated, 105 to 103. erything was ready to celebrate the hirth of a new Iranian prov-

that would have brought pride, glory and state funds to this once historic city of flowerlined avenues, the people of Qazvin were startled, then enraged, when the news from Tehran hit like a thunderbolt. Their day of joy turned into disap-pointment, defiance and death.

tered promises by President Hashemi Rafsanjani and Interi-

ince, with Qazvin as its capital. Glued to their radios in anticipation of the announcement hy local religious leaders, sup-

On Aug. 3, Parliament shat-

sharati to separate this Persianspeaking region, with its 1.4 million people, from the less populous Turkish-speaking province of Zanjan. The motion to form a new province was As word spread, a mob began

turning cars as it headed toward the roads leading here. the bazaar. The revolt was led porters of the Tehran govern-

"They have given our rights to Zanjanis!" they bellowed through the streets, ordering A pharmacist who watched

from his shop as mayhem en-gulfed the city center said the mob leaders "headed for the back there were 5,000." For 24 hours, orders to sub-

due the uprising were issued to nearby army garrisons, but they went unheeded. The next day, went unheeded. The next day, ing the army as a toul of oppres-members of Parliament who sion, according to diplomats in because they did not interfere came to appease the residents Tehran and Iranian dissidents or turn against us."

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nowdown with the populace.

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Zhirinovsky Exits Parliament Over Airport Incident

MOSCOW - The ultranationalist Vladimir V. Zhirinovsky, incensed because he was barred from landing at a Russian airport last week, stormed tated to shoot at anti-govern- and withdrew his party from the legislative body.

> The walkout touched off Parliament's first crisis since it convened Wednesday for its fall session. The Communist and Agrarian parties proclaimed solidarity with Mr. Zhirinovsky and refused to participate in

Mr. Zhirinovsky, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, refused to allow his plane to land for refueling last Saturday en route to North Korea.

'Our party is being persecuted, stifled and repressed everywhere," Mr. Zhirinovsky said after leaving the session.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Lufthansa and Thai Airways in Deal

PARIS (Bloomberg) - Lufthansa is set to form a partnership with Thai Airways International, giving the German carrier a hub in Bangkok that it can use to route passengers to destinations within Southeast Asia, a Lufthansa official said Friday. Lufthansa already has a partnership with United Airlines. The links with Thai Airways will vastly broaden its network to give it

greater access to the Asian countries. Bases were running Friday in downtown Johannesburg after drivers ended a strike in which scores of abandoned buses clogged

streets and shut down the city center the previous day. (AP) A threatened 24-hour London Underground strike failed to materialize Friday as most workers showed up and kept the system running, an Underground spokesman said. (AFP)

said the authorities at Kemero-vo airport in western Siberia in the famous Angkor complex at night because of land mines placed in the area to keep bandits from plundering the site's many

Burma and Singapore have agreed to operate charter flights between Rangoon and the ancient city of Mandalay, the Mirror of newspaper said. In addition to the tourist charter flights, Air Mandalay, a Singapore company, will run a shuttle service be-tween Rangoon and Mandalay four times weekly. (AFP)



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Atlanta Will Stick It to Gun Purchasers

All guns sold in Atlanta and elsewhere in Georgia's Fulton County soon will carry warning labels similar to the ones on cigarette packs.

This week, county commissioners unanimously pproved an ordinance requiring guns to carry a label that says: Know The Facts

If you have a gun at home: You are 3 times more likely to be killed by, or to kill, someone in your home. You are 8 times more likely to be killed by, or to kill, a family member or intimate acquaintance. You or a family member are 5 times more likely to commit

The label also includes safety tips, and gun dealers must display two posters with similar information. County Commissioner John O'Callaghan, who sponsored the measure, said Fulton County, with a population of 670,000, had 229 gun-related deaths

last year. The law is the first of its kind in the United States. according to Paul Blackman of the National Rifle Association in Washington. It takes effect Nov. 1.

Short Takes

The size of the hole in the ozone layer is holding steady. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration said satellite measurements showed the ozone hole over the Antarctic region had a surface area of 9 million square miles, about the size of North America. That's just below the record size hole of 9.4 million square miles set in 1992. Ozone, a molecule made up of three atoms of oxygen, forms a thin layer about 3 millimeters thick, which absorbs harmful ultraviolet radiation from the sun. A hole in this layer occurs over Antarctica between late August and early October, and usually breaks up in November. The hole is caused primarily by chlorine products from human activities, such as electronics

Doctors have been using the wrong symbol for medicine for nearly 100 years. Now the Minnesota Medical Association is out to set them straight. The symbol known as the caduceus is two snakes entwined around a staff beneath a pair of wings. But the caduceus is the symbol of Hermes, the Greek god of commerce, also known as the messenger god. The correct symbol for health care, according to an article in the October issue of the association's journal, Minnesota Medicine, is the staff of Asclepius, the Greek god of medicine: a single snake wrapped around a crude staff, without wings. "If it's got wings on it, it's really not the symbol of medicine; some may find it hard to believe but it's true," an association spokesman said,

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LOS ANGELES - After nine months of being on the offensive in California's Senate race. Representative Michael Huffington has suddenly found himself on the defensive. trying to fend off accusations that he is an inept legislator whose wife is running his campaign.

Mr. Huffington, a wealthy Republican who has already spent more than \$10 million of his fortune trying to unseat Senator Dianne Feinstein, said his Democratic opponent. with the help of the media, was out to "get" his wife, Arianna, a writer and social figure who once was u member of a fringe religious group whose leader touted himself as more powerful than Christ.

"I'm sick and tired of people jumping on my wife." said

Mr. Huffington, who appeared with Ms. Feinstein on Thursday night on a television talk show, one of the few times he has sai in a national forum and taken questions about his campaign, his wife and his congressional record.

Mr. Huffington had pulled even with Ms. Fcinstein in recent polls after a long struggle, only to find himself under fire from the senator and an increasingly critical press.

"I'm the candidate, not my wife," Mr. Huffington said at one point during the program, anger and frustration in his voice after months of confidently being on the attack against Ms. Feinstein and what he calls "big government" liberalism. "My wife's'religious preferences are personal," he said.

Ms. Feinstein countered that she had nothing to do with the numerous articles about Mr. Huffington's wife, some of them contending that she was the "power" behind Mr. Huffington and others saying that she was once a "minister of light" in the religious cult.

A Frustrated Clinton Faults Republicans

WASHINGTON - Frustrated by failures in his legislative agenda, President Bill Clinton accused Republicans on Friday of trying to take America back to the Reagan-Bush years when we exploded the deficit, cut Medicare, cut taxes for the

At an East Room oews conference four weeks before Election Day, Mr. Clinton struggled to explain why a Democratic Congress buried an array of bealth, environmental and political reforms. He said Congress could — and should bave done a lot more, and be accused Republicans of "trying to stop it, slow it, kill it or just talk it to death."

With his prized bealth insurance plan dead, Mr. Clinton pledged to return next year with another comprehensive proposal: "I intend to come back full force trying to do that." Republicans were quick to strike back, accusing Mr. Clinton of misreading what Americans want. "I just think he doesn't quite get it," said Newt Gingrich, the House Republi-

The news conference came as an increasingly fractious Congress struggled to go home for elections in which Democrats are expected to suffer heavy losses. Mr. Clinton appeared perplexed by the sour mood of voters and their resentment toward incumbents.

Congress Decriminalizes Baby-Sitting

WASHINGTON - Legislation updating the Social Security tax on household help — the so-called nanny tax — is headed to President Bill Clinton for his signature.

Effective with the 1994 tax year, household employers would have to pay Social Security and Medicare taxes on any worker earning at least \$1,000 a year, up from the current threshold of \$50 a quarter. Teenage bahy-sitters would be exempt. The problems with the tax were brought to light when it was revealed that Mr. Clinton's first choice for attorney general, Zoë Baird, had not paid Social Security

axes for her child-care worker.

(AP)

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nator Tom Daschle, Democrat of South Dakota, after a bill to regulate lobbyists fell victim to a tide of telephone calls generated by the lobbyists themselves: "The truth had nothing to do with it. It was probably the best-coordinated misinformation campaign since health care."

Winding THE AMERICAS / The American Seats Kennedys' Senate Seat: 40 of 42 Years (and Counting?)

By David S. Broder Washington Post Service

NEW BEDFORD, Massachusetts - The scene was an almost-too-perfect metaphor for them. Senator Edward M. Kennedy's struggle to continue his 32-year career on Capitol Hill.

Standing on the halcony of the local whaling museum, facing a replica of one of the whalehunting ships that once brought prosperity to this now-blighted city, was one of the "great whales" of the Senate - not just because of the girth and blotchy skin that have occasioned so much recent talk-show comment, but in the way that Lyndon Johnson classified the Senate of the 1950s as "a lot of minnows and a few great whales."

Kennedys have held this Senate post for 40 of the last 42 years, the only gap coming when a seat-warmer filled in between John F. Kennedy's election as president in 1960 and Ted Kennedy's reaching the constitutional minimum age of 30 to replace his brother.

So proprietary is the family feeling about their place that at one point in his talk at the whaling museum the 62-year-old Democratic senator described John Quincy Adams — the sixth president — as "the man who once held my Senate seat."

But in 1994. Mr. Kennedy is facing a young shark of a Republican eballenger. Mitt Romney, a venture capitalist who came out of the mid-September Republican primary even with

what his presence in Washington means to

"Do we have those checks?" he asked an aide at the end of his speech. And out of a briefcase came oversized blowups of Treasury checks, symbolizing money for federal projects and assistance that Kennedy claims he brought to New Bedford.

The message has not changed much from Mr. Kennedy's first campaign in 1962, when the slogan was, "He Can Do More for Massachusetts." Then, it was an unsubtle hint that his hig brother's administration would take care of the kid senator's constituents. Now, it is backed by reminders not only that Mr. Kennedy is a key ally of the man in the White House, but also that his former aide, Ronald H. Brown, heads the Commerce Department.

And there are reminders that his position as the chairman of the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee and ranking Democrat on Judiciary spells clout with a capital C.

But if the message is familiar, the times clearly have changed. Six years ago, just as he was winning a fifth full term, the reputation of liberals began to plummet in Massachusetts. The state's Democratic governor, Michael S.

years. The winner, Governor William F. Weld. is now the most popular politician in the state, cruising to re-election and lending some of his key staffers to Mr. Romney.

In Washington, meantime. Mr. Kennedy's with long-cherished dream of national health care rape. crashed in a gridlocked Democratic Congress, along with labor law reform and other measures on his agenda.

Mr. Romney, 47, is a novice candidate but hardly new to politics. His father, George Romney, ended a 14-year Democratic dynasty in the Michigan governorship in 1952 and chal-lenged Richard Nixon for the 1968 Republican presidential nomination.

Mormon church asks young people to undertake and graduating from Brigham Young University, Mr. Romney won a double degree in law and business from Harvard, joined a Boston consulting firm and then set up his own lucrative venture capital business.

Last year, his wife, Ann, urged him to think of leaving business and entering public service by challenging Mr. Kennedy.
"Because," she said, "Mitt is the total oppo-

site of Ted Kennedy in philosophy - and everything else."

That is as close as either Romney comes to the personal questions that fascinate the talk shows bere: the contrast between the square-

the incumbent in the polls. Mr. Kennedy has to
defend himself by reminding his constituents of in the governorship for the first time in 16 genic wife and five sons, and the recently remarried senator, who, a generation after Chappaquiddick, was involved in an unsavory 1991 drinking escapade in Florida with his nephew. William Kennedy Smith, that ended with Mr. Smith's being tried and acquitted of

> But the issue is there. As Mr. Kennedy and his wife, Victoria, toured the Topsfield Fair recently, Jean Dodero of Brockton watched disapprovingly. "This man is an embarrass-ment to the state," she said. "I may disagree theologically with the Mormons, but they are good people morally. This man should hide his

head in shame." Mr. Romney said his decision to run was spurred not only by Mr. Weld's success and his promise of help hut also by the judgment that "this is the weak link in the Kennedy chain.

"Following Ted would be Joe," he said, referring to Mr. Kennedy's nephew, who is a House member from Cambridge.

"He's popular, young and doesn't carry the same political baggage," Mr. Roniney said.
"Now is the time to replace Ted, or we'll have Joe for the next 30 years,"
Private polls reportedly show Mr. Kennedy

re-establishing a lead, and confidence in his camp is clearly higher than it was two weeks ago. But at least two debates lie ahead, and those are viewed as posing opportunities for Mr. Romney and risks for Mr. Kennedy.

Simpson Team Loses Another Bid to Bar Evidence



O.J. Simpson and a bailiff looking at an attorney's laptop computer screen.

New York Times Service LOS ANGELES - The judge in the O. J. Simpson murder case has rejected a defense move to bar a broad range of evidence seized from Mr. Simpson's vehicle.

Defense lawyers had argued that the material, which was seized over a 10-week period, should be barred because it was stale, obtained by unauthorized personnel or seized without a proper warrant.

But Judge Lance Ito ruled that once the police lawfully possess a car, "they may conduct reasonable tests over a reasonable period of time."

The ruling Thursday was the latest in a list of defeats for Mr. Simpson, whose lawyers have labored mightily, and thus far largely unsuccessfully, to deplete the inventory of evidence the prosecution will offer against the former football star when the case goes to trial.

Mr. Simpson is accused of murdering his former wife. Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman, on June 12. Testimony is expected to begin within a month.

Much of the crucial evidence was taken from the car on June 14, with the warrant in effect. But other items were taken after the warrant expired. These include the ceiling bulb, which was on the floor beneath the seat; a shovel; a towel; a plastic bag; some hairs, and fibers.

Away From Politics

• The gravesite of former President John F. Kennedy was reopened to the public on Friday, outfitted with a new marker for his widow, Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis. The gravesite at Arlington National Conctery had been closed for two days while the new marker was put in place. Mrs. Onassis

• A man picking up his wife at an abortion clinic in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, shot at a demonstrator who had yelled, "You're killing your bahy." The protester was not hurt. Ernest Robertson, 22, was charged with attempted seconddegree murder and was jailed pending a hearing.

• A gasoline tanker carrying 9,000 gallons of fuel rolled onto a car and exploded in a fireball on the Long Island Expressway. killing the car's driver and closing the island's main artery at the height of the evening rush hour, the police said in Mineola,

 Nine people were killed in a house fire in Devils Lake, North Dakota, authorities said. The victims were believed to be members of the same family. Neighbors said they heard an explosion before the fire at about 5 A.M.

· Helicopters are to begin spraying the pesticide malathion over Ventura Country, a rich agricultural region in California, next week in a six-month program aimed at halting a Mediterranean fruit fly infestation.

• A Marine who denies being a lesbian has agreed to an honorable discharge in exchange for allowing military records to show she left because she had had sex with a woman. Lance Corporal Elena G. Martinez, 21, of the New River Marine Air Station, North Carolina, said she agreed to the discharge so she could get on with her life. The allegations stem from rumors in 1991 that she twice kissed women and once danced suggestively with women in a nightclub.

• The U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether states may limit the benefits paid to some welfare recipients who have lived there less than a year. The court voted to reciew rulings that said a California law imposing such limits violated new residents' constitutional right of interstate travel.

 A male nurse in Tampa, Florida, was charged with raping four unconscious women in a hospital recovery room after they had undergone surgery.

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Let the Haitians Decide

It should be up to Haitians to decide what kind of amnesty to grant to Haiti's coup leaders. The Clinton administration is right to leave the details to the country's elected authorities. Washington's guiding principle should be to restore self-government and rule of law to Hain and bring American troops back home at the earliest feasible date.

The agreement that former President Jimmy Carter reached with Generals Raoul Cedras and Philippe Biamby last month committed those generals to retire as soon as Haiti's Parliament voted a 'general amnesty" into law. But it also said they would retire no later than Oct. . 15 even if no amnesty were enacted

Haiti's Parliament is now considering a measure introduced by President Jean-Bertrand Aristide's acting justice minister that would pardon military leaders for political acts like the Sept. 30, 1991, coup, but not for any responsibility they may have for torture, rapes, arson and the deaths of some 3,000 civilians. The divided Parliament may not be able to pass any amnesty law by Oct. 15.

In a country as riven by hatreds and suspicions as Haiu, full punishment of all those involved in the military's reign of terror would likely fuel future cycles of violent retribution. But without some accountability for the atrocities so many Haitians endured, there can be no bope of real reconciliation or even civil peace.

Father Aristide seems to recognize both halves of the equation, but remains vague about where he will strike the balance. Washington should encourage reconciliation while honoring its own undertakings under the Carter agreement.

It should also help Haiti develop, for the first time, a fair and reliable judicial system, a task that on the most optimistic estimates will take at least a year.

The Carter agreement gave U.S. forces unopposed entry into Haiti in return for temporary recognition of the military au-thorities. It offered military leaders a safe and face-saving exit from power and from the country, provided they acted before Oct. 15, the date now set for Father Aristide's return. If no broad amnesty is passed by that time, Generals Cedras and Biamby will have to calculate whether it is in their own best interests to go quietly, as they agreed, or try to hang on.

The United States, on the other hand. must live up to its own commitments. But the Carter agreement does not commit Washington to delivering an amnesty. Only Haiti's Parliament can do that.

If that Parliament is wise, it will pass a generous political amnesty covering all offenses directly related to the seizure and exercise of power during the coup years, but not including criminal violence against civilians.

Since the new authorities will be un-

able to institute credible prosecutions for at least another year, they might use that time to establish a truth commission, on the model of Chile and El Salvador, to establish an inventory of injustices done, without necessarily establishing individ-

ual criminal responsibility.
In the end, the only legitimate authority for deciding these questions is Haiti's elected government. Restoring its sovereign authority is what this intervention is supposed to be about

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Mud in Democracy's Eye

This will go into the record books as perhaps the worst U.S. Congress — least effective, most destructive, nastiest - in 50 years. The wisdom of the moment is that the dismal record represents a victory for the Republicans. They succeeded in blocking much of the Clinton agenda, and a government in which the Democrats controlled both elected branches was pretty much brought to a halt. The theory is that the Republicans will somebow pay less of a price for having been obstructionists than the Democrats will for not having made the system work.

The Republicans will richly deserve what they get if that isn't true. But it is also a myth to claim that they bear entire responsibility for the failure that has occurred. The Democrats brought a major part of the wreckage on themselves. This week it was mainly (though not entirely) Republicans who put the economy at risk for political reasons by bolding up the trade bill in the House — but that was only after last week a single self-indulgent Democrat, Senator Ernest Hollings. did the same in the Senate. Mr. Hollings, in turn, was able to do so only because the administration miscalculated and held out too long on some issues before sending the bill for a vote.

Campaign finance reform was killed by a Republican filibuster in the Senate. but only after House Democrats did their part by stalling on the bill for a year. Nor did the president, who is ostensibly a great supporter of reform, do more in all that time than cover himself by uttering a few plainly lukewarm words in its behalf. A lobbying and gifts reform bill was also left for dead by Republicans on dema-gogic grounds this week — hut plenty of Democrats who love the lifestyle that the bill was meant to end were silently cheering the Republicans on.

Health care reform went down not just because most Republicans turned out to be opposed but because the administration overreached and was variously unwilling to join in bipartisan efforts and unable to win the votes of key Democrats.

Almost the entire environmental agenda of the administration was defeated, but it, too, died a death that was at least in part bipartisan.

Too many bills were left until too late by the Democratic managers of this Congress. A good housing bill whose passage should have been routine had instead to be discarded because of this. A school aid hill whose passage should have been al-most a matter of reflex for a Democratic Congress was also left too long (in part as Democrats joined Republicans in grinding down an administration proposal to shift more funds to the poorest school districts) and took up time that should have been available for other purposes.

This was a Congress and, in legislative terms, an administration that bad had a pretty good first year. They reduced the deficit, restored the tax code's cutting edge, sharply increased aid to the poor, reconfigured the college student aid program, created a national service corps and adopted the North American Free Trade Agreement, Not bad. But this year the goal was health care reform, and when the Democrats lost that, they lost much else. The Republicans turned the president's faulty health care proposal into a symbol of overall incompetence, found that they could resist almost all the administration's initiatives with apparent impunity - and so they spread the campaign.

The only good news as this mud fight finally winds down is that it is hard to imagine much worse.

-- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Polish Censors in Retreat

Just two weeks ago, Poland seemed as 10 years in prison. The act would also about to take a giant step back from authorize officials to withhold other inforfreedom. The lower house of Parliament, mation on grounds of professional secrecy. dominated by a coalition of former Communists and their allies, overwhelmingly passed a bill called the Official State Secrets Act, which would stifle the lively independent media that have grown up

over the past four years.

The upper house, with the same parties in control, was expected to approve the bill as well, perhaps as soon as this week. But the Polisb press fought back and, although the danger has not completely passed, the censors are now in retreat.

Upper house action is stalled, lower house leaders are having second thoughts and President Lech Walesa promises to veto the bill if it reaches his desk in

anything like its present form.

The secrets act would prohibit reporting on 71 broad areas of government activity, including arms contracts, international financial negotiations and basic principles of foreign policy.

Penalties for unauthorized release of such "secret" information ranged as high

Such restrictions would permit governments to escape accountability for public policies and would thwart exposure of the official corruption that often accompanies the change from state to market economy.

Official secrets acis are a European tradition. Poland's old statute, promulgated under martial law in 1982, was even more restrictive, but it has gone unenforced since communism fell. Poland now has some of the best newspapers in the new Eastern Europe.

Continued public access to sensitive official information is vital to Polish goals such as developing a healthy stock market and joining the European Union. A free press can also help alert a newly democratic society to signs of totalitarian backslid-

ing, as the present episode indicates.

The old ruling parties may be hack in power in Poland, but they have heen usefully reminded that they can no longer rule in the old way.

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A Leftist Joker Enlivens the German Political Deck

NEW YORK — What do a 22-year-old punk rocker, Bismarck's greatgrandson and an 81-year-old former U.S. Army officer bave in common?

All are leaders of the Party of Democratic Socialism, or PDS, the successor to the East German Communist Party.

Although largely dismissed in the West-ern media as the legacy of a corrupt and cruel regime, the party is actually a popu-

Some Easterners want to have the revolution they were denied when East Germany crumbled.

list movement that is attracting a growing number of Eastern Germans. And when Germans vote on Oct. 16, it may radically alter the political landscape.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl has called the Democratic Socialists "red-painted fascists." Others compare them to the former Communists who have had successes in Hungary, Lithuania and Poland. But the party takes its cues more from Ross Perot than from Stalin.

Gregor Gysi, the self-deprecating law-yer who founded the party in 1990, has enlived the election with his outspokenness, much as the Texas hillionaire did in the United States.

The party also hacks a crackdown on skinheads, aid to the Third World, disarmament, urban gardening — whatever garners leftist support. It uses go-go By Tom Reiss

dancers at its campaign rallies, yet femi-nism is high on its list of protest causes.

Although the party's supporters are on average older than those of any other party, its leaders know its future depends on appealing to Germany's youthful left. Thus its candidates call for lowering the voting age to 16.

Young East Germans hit the streets in

1989 to protest the fading Communist regime, and although it seems contradictory that they have joined the Communists' successor party, they have hardly come around to Stalinism. Rather, they want to have the revolu-

tion they were denied when East Germany crumbled. Except now the "oppressive" government bappens to be run by conservatives in Bonn.

In conservative Bavaria, the party has transformed an unwinnable situation into first-rate publicity by running Bismarck's great-grandson, Count Heinrich von Einsiedel. The erudite former Luftwaffe pilot - turned anti-Nazi resistance fighter — sparkles on talk shows. His aristocratic background helps shake up the public perception of the party.

In the crucial parliamentary race for the Berlin center district, the party's candidate is Stefan Heym, one of East Germany's best known dissident writers. A Jew, he fled Hitler to become an

By A. M. Rosenthal

By Tommy Koh

American citizen, only to return to East

Germany to escape McCarthyism. But Mr. Heym, now 81, further belies the ex-Communist stereotype. All his books were banned in East Germany.

A string of strong electoral showings began in December 1993 in eastern Brandenburg state, where the party unexpectedly came in second place, beating Mr. Kohl's party, the Christian Democrats. It also had good success in the Europe-

an Parliament elections in June. In the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt, a Social Democrat-Green coalition had to cut a deal with the PDS in order to govern. The party's strategy is to use regional resentment as a springboard to national

influence, much as Bavaria's arch-conservative Christian Socialists have as a part of Chancellor Kohl's governing coalition. Polls show that at least three Democratic Socialist candidates are likely to win their races this month, which would enable the party to enter Parliament. It

would be given about 30 deputies in the 656-seat Bundestag. This would present a major opportunity for Mr. Kohl's rivals, the Social Democrats. If the two socialist parties and the Greens win a combined majority in Par-liament, they could form a coalition and knock the ruling Christian Democrats out of power. For the first time since World War II the left-of-center could

enjoy a parliamentary majority.

But the presence of the reformed Communists is also a danger for the moderate left, reviving old fears of a "red bloc" and polarizing the electorate. It risks destroying 40 years' work by moderates who led the Social Democrats away from revolution and into a powerful role as GermaBring a 1

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ny's second mainstream party.
The success of the former Communists has caused the conservatives to take off

One poster showed Karl Marx and the words: "I'm Back!"

Chancellor Kohl promised before the 1990 federal election that the east would become a "hlooming landscape." Instead, it became a dumping ground for low-end Western German industrial products. Resentment has grown even as the economy has heated up in the last year because this progress bas been accompanied by corporate downsizing and a growing divide between haves and have-nots.

But support for the former Communists is more about disappointment and frustration than about need. About half of their backers say they are optimistic about their economic future.

After five years of unifying, many Eastern Germans are ready to embrace disunity. They voted for unification because they believed Mr. Kohl's promise that they would be the course they have believed Mr. Kohl's promise that they would be equal citizens. But they have felt like an occupied country. Democratic Socialist voters do not so much want to reverse the dock to communism as to take back their revolution.

Mr. Reiss writes frequently about Euro-pean politics and culture. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

The Ravens Wait for a Stumble, Eager to Wreck the Haiti Mission

NEW YORK — Often, listening to some of the American journalists and politicians who opposed the U.S. intervention in Haiti, you can hear clearly what they do not say. They want the mission to fail and Haiti to explode into violence and chaos.

They do not want U.S. troops to be killed. But if casualties do come, they are poised, mouth and computer at the ready, to scream havoc. They think of themselves as in favor of democracy. But they are so committed to the idea that Haitians are incapable of achieving or maintaining it that they await the first stumbles with chilling eagerness.

They are so full of anger at President Bill Clinton that they get hives at the thought that his decision to move against the Haitian dictators will burnish his name internationally and maybe do a little something for him in 1996.

These ravens are a minority compared to Americans who op-

posed military involvement in Haiti hut hope it will work. The reason to take account of them now is that at the first sign of trouble they will demand the one step guaranteed to wreck the U.S. mission: the immediate military

and economic desertion of Haiti. Nothing, I think, can raise the raven people from the dyspeptic ditch into which they have thrown themselves. But for Americans with open eyes, hearts and mind, the operation bas been a great teacher of the nature of dictatorship. Many Americans, blessed with freedom, might not have understood. Even with U.S. troops present, the dictatorship beat their people with clubs, or shot them dead in the street.

We could understand then that the dictatorship was destined to do this, although the world watched. The police had no other choice because the dictatorship

could conceive of no other way of dealing with the people.

We learned that unless U.S. troops had landed, the generals would never have agreed to leave power. Only when they knew that U.S. troop planes were in the air did the generals acknowledge that their reign was over. All the negotiations, for their three years in power, were a fraud. By definition honorable dictators do not exist.

And when we saw Haitians run to greet the Americans we knew at once that the joy grew out of the hate they bore for those who beat them and shot them. In the streets, it was election day in Hai-ti — under the guns of the tyranny hut poignantly clear in choice.
President Clinton and U.S.
forces still have work to do in Haiti

and enemies to take on. But they have done much of what they can do by themselves. Now it is up to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide and the U.S. Congress. Either can make and destroy the mission. Father Aristide, although elect-

ed by his people and overthrown by killers, is not liked in America. Loony Communist" is the most affectionate term of the ravens. But large numbers of nonravens also resent him. He has given them plenty of reason. The Heritage Foundation

has compiled a list of bone-mean Aristide insults and inanities about the United States, incitements to kill, socialist blather and capitalist-baiting. He admires Che Guevara and thinks Christopher Columbus was nothing but "a big white man, a colonial" who stole and exploited America. Co-

lumbus was not at all big, But the mission was not simply to restore Father Aristide but to prepare the way for an elected successor. U.S. officials urge amnesty for Haitian murderers. If Father Aristide works toward a free election, Americans and Haitians

will find it in them to give him annesty for leftish nastiness.

The U.S. Congress can do more to help or hurt Haitians than Father Aristide can. The good news is that right now it is belping, by resisting pressure to set a specific date for withdrawal of U.S. troops. Republican and Demo-cratic senators understood that would be a gift to the followers of the dictatorship. But when the troops withdraw, Congress could nullify their work and the whole mission unless it appropriates money to help Haitians get the small-business credits they need so desperately, build roads and communications destroyed by the decades of tyrannies.

decades of tyrannies.

To help a neighbor out of a burning house and then walk away leaving him naked and hungry—it does not seem sensible assessments. ble, compassionate or the American way, if raven-friends will forgive the sentimentality.

The New York Times.

Reports of America's Sorry Demise May Just Be a Bit Exaggerated

SINGAPORE — The United States has been getting bad press recently, at least in parts of as ambassador to Washington. to schools, colleges, universities, Asia. Almost daily we read stories about its shortcomings; falling educational standards, a deteriorating attitude to work, a rising drug menace and crime rate, an alarming number of births to single mothers.

America's problems are real. But they should be seen in proper perspective. The United States has many strengths and virtues. East Asians often think of

Americans as individualistic and self-centered. This is wrong, as I know from the 19 years I lived in the United States, first as Singapore's ambassador to the United Nations in New York and then

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now underpin the medical in-

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experienced a great deal of pain

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bedpan. He then left on a skiing

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In Singapore, only about 1 person in 10 does volunteer work,

But more than 80 million Ameri-

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There is a strong tradition in the United States of giving money

Malpractice Hasn't Made Him Perfect

By Frank Cornelius

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bospitals, libraries, churches, museums, symphony orchestras and

opera and ballet companies. Last year Americans contributed \$126.2 billion to éducational and charitable institutions. Most came from individuals. An additional \$9.6 billion was donated to artistic, cultural and bumanitarian organizations. As chairman of the Singapore National Arts Council, I would leap with joy if I could raise even a small fraction of that. As a proportion of their in-

comes, the poor in America gave more to charity than the rich. The spirit of voluntarism and private contributions, two pillars of

the law had accomplished its

stated purpose. But it hasn't.

creased 139.4 percent from 1980

to 1990 — just about the national average. The state ranked 32d in

per capita bealth care spending

in 1990 - the same as in 1980.

damage cap has done nothing to

curb health-care spending; the

two have almost nothing to do

In 1992, the Congressional Budget Office reported that medical malpractice litigation

accounted for less than I per-cent of total health care spend-

ing. I doubt that the percentage

Doctors and insurers have

spent millions propagating the myth that America is awash in

unjustified malpractice suits

caps, sure to resurface in the

next session of Congress, are

arbitrary, wholly disregarding the nature of the injury and the

pain experienced by the plain-

tilf. They make it harder to seek

and recover compensation for

medical injuries; extend unwar-

ranted special protection to the

medical industry; and remove the only effective deterrent to

Medical negligence cannot be reduced simply by restricting

consumers' legal rights. That will happen only when the med-

ical industry begins to effective-

ly police its own. I don't expect

The writer is a former lobbyist

whose clients included the Insur-

ance Institute of Indiana. He

negligent medical care.

to live to see that day.

and crazy jury verdicts. Yet malpractice damage

in Indiana is much different.

with each other.

lt's understandable that the

Indiana's bealth care costs in-

French social observer. tice of them in 1830. There is a strong spirit of entre-

preneurship in America. (The 1994 World Competitiveness Report ranks the U.S. economy as the most competitive in the world.) Unlike Singaporeans, Americans are encouraged to take risks. Society rewards those who succeed but, just as importantly, it does not stigmatize those who fail. American culture nurtures

original thinking and pioneering research. Each year, more Nobel prizes are awarded to Americans than to scientists from any other nation. And Asian scientists who have won Nobel prizes have been based in America.

No nation has welcomed so many immigrants and refugees, and none has assimilated them so well, as the United States. Since the Vietnam War ended in 1975, America has taken in over 850,000 refugees from the region. Many of their children have topped their classes in American schools and been awarded scholarships to study at the most prestigious U.S. colleges and universities.

Today, Asian-Americans are the fastest growing community in the United States. Because of the relative absence of racial or class barriers, many Asian-Americans have risen to the top of their professions. In the United States, a child, no matter what his ethnic origin or family circumstances. can aspire to the American dream. As a superpower, the United States has shared its wealth, tecbnology and markets with others.

American communities, are as It has shed the blood of its sons alive today as when Alexis de and spent its treasures in desense of others. After World War II, America, the victor, treated Japan and Germany, the two vanquished nations, with a magnanimity unparalleled in human history. As a result, Japan and Germany are today the two most powerful economies in the world. after the United States.

No other nation has been as generous as the United States in sharing its technology with others. This has, among other things, enabled Japan to catch up with America and, in some areas, to surpass it in the technological race. And U.S. capital, technology and markets have enabled the economies of East Asia to grow.
On a personal level, I have been

the fortunate beneficiary of many kind-hearted American friends. When I studied at Harvard Law School, a host family was appointed to look after me. They made sure that I was not lonely and invited me home for dinner on festive occasions.

In spite of its shortcomings, the United States is the most admired nation on earth. This is not only because of its size, wealth, military power or its extraordinary accomplishments in business, science, technology and higher education. America is the most admired nation because of its ideals, altruism, magnanimity and generosity. An Asia-Pacific region without the United States would be a poorer and more dangerous place. .

The writer is director of the Institute of Policy Studies in Singapore. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Killing With Skill

PARIS - In connection with the suppression of bullfights in France, the Gil Blas has interviewed several French politi-cians, among whom was M. Fréderic Gaussorgues. This gentleman does not understand wby the sport, which gives pleasure to so many people, should be stopped. He distinguishes between the bunglers and the artists, and thinks that toreadors autorisés, such as Guerrita and Mazzantini, exhibit their skill in such a way as not to meet with his disapproval.

1919: Ship Rams a Sub

NEW YORK - Two hundred passengers were panic-stricken, but uninjured, this morning [Oct. 9] when a Colonial Line steamer rammed a U.S. submarine in Hellgate. Several plates were torn from the steamer's bow, but neither vessel was seriously injured.

1944: Dumbarton Ends

barton Oaks conference of the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China concluded today [Oct. 8] as a four-power statement was awaited describing the contemplated world security organization and its international council, assembly, world court and military forces for protecting future peace. The principal points tbat remained unresolved and probably will not be decided until the formal meeting of all the United Nations involve the voting rights of the five permanent members of the council and the relative contribution of military forces to be at the disposal of the proposed organization, as well as how these forces will be commanded and ordered into action.

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For Region's Poor, **Economic Changes** Bring a High Cost

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By Barbara Crossette

UNITED NATIONS, New York — Four unsettling years of transition from communism to free-market democracies have left the most vulnerable people of Eastern and Central Europe significantly poorer, less healthy or well-fed, and more prone to accidental death and homicide, according to a report by Unice. report by Unicef.

Economic changes have "provoked a deterioration of un-paralleled proportions in human welfare throughout most of the region," the study said. Rising incidence of infectious diseases, stress, malnutrition and alcoholism, already docu-

mented in Russia, affect a much wider area, the report shows.

"This bealth crisis is unprecedented in the peacetime history of Europe in this century," James P. Grant, the director of Unicef, said at a news conference Thursday. He added that

A Unicef study sees enormous deterioration in social conditions.

the crisis "is obviously contributing to eroding political support for the reforms that are under way."

The study covers developments from 1989 into early 1994

The study covers developments from 1989 into early 1994 in Albania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary. Poland, Romania. Russia and Ukraine.

The author of the report, Giovanni Andrea Cornia, director of social and economic policy research at Unicef's International Child Development Center in Florence, told the news conference that low tax revenues and inflation buoyed by more spending on social programs were major causes of the

He said that a shortage of drugs and vaccines, a result of reduced government spending, was having "a massive health

impact."

Mr. Grant said statistics from Russia continued to be the most discouraging, with a 10-fold increase in families living below the poverty line and a mortality rate up by 35 percent compared with the pre-1989 rate. The homicide rate in Russia had reached twice that of the United States by 1992, and is

still rising.

While Unicef began its studies with a focus on women and children, Mr. Grant said, it soon became apparent that the group most at risk was young adult men, where cardiovascular disease, alcoholism and violent death are on the increase.

Unicef surveys not included in the report show that public satisfaction with living conditions is highest in the Czecb Republic, with 54 percent of the people satisfied, Mr. Grant

"But when you get to European Russia, 79 percent say they are dissatisfied with their living standards," he said. "When you get to Ukraine, it's 88 percent.

Mr. Corma said that, as of early 1994, conditions were still declining in Russia and the Ukraine, but had begun to register some improvement in Eastern Europe.

EAST: Long and Painful Transition WITLE BUS

Continued from Page 1

five years ngo. Their societies have been divided into two classes: the envied few who, despite some rough going, have profited from the change, and a resentful majority upset at not being able to make it.

Economists now agree that it will take much longer than anticipated for these countries to catch up to the West. In coun-tries where the memories of pre-World War II capitalism still linger, the belief that the end of communism would quickly transform Eastern Europe into Western Europe turned out to

And in countries like Romania, Bulgaria, and Slovakia the laggards in the economic reform process — real progress is hard to find. Foreign invest-ment is scant, and inflation is high. So lethargic has been the advance of reform in Romania that analysts calculate that at the present pace it would take until 2035 before state industries enter private hands.

But even among Romania's more successful neighbors, the path to a market economy has been rough.

"No one expected such declines of such magnitude," said Branko Milanovic, a senior economist at the World Bank's Transition Economics Division. The first idea was that the economies would grow immediately because the systems were so inefficient."

Instead, it is now recognized, the economies all lacked sufficient private capital, modern equipment, and managerial know-how for a quick turn-around. In the Czech Republic, for example, the government has produced some impressive results: the lowest unemployment, the lowest inflation, and 3 balanced budget. But in Prague, capital is so scarce and competition for it so intense that aspiring businessmen say

they have to bribe bank officers

The Vienna Institute for Comparative Economic Studes, where analysis study Eastern Europe, concluded in an as-sessment in July that it would be well into the next decade before the three fast-track countries could match the economic strength of even the less well-off countries in the European Union, like Spain.

"The meebanisms of the command economy were dismantled everywhere with sur-prising speed," said Peter Havik, the institute's deputy director. "On the other hand, the formation of new institu-tions has turned out to be much more difficult, slower, and more painful than most analysts had expected at the outset of reforms in 1990.

"It was thought that in five years they would reach German levels. But this is complete nonsense. Realistically, there will be enormous differences between Eastern Europe and Western Europe for years to

As these countries removed state subsidies from industries and laid off bloated work forces, there have been severe social costs: a drop in living standards, long-term unemployment, and the emergence of stark poverty.

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spite what many consider care- else in what once had been an ployment rate is bound to inful management, the economy will only start to grow again this About 15 percent of Poles live moval of subsidies happens. year. In the last five years, the below the poverty line com-Czecb economy has shrunk by pared with a steady 5 to 10 ties, many people are over-

HERE AND GONE - Some of the 2,500 supporters of former King Michael protesting Friday at the Bucharest airport following his expulsion an hour after arriving from Paris. He had been warned by Romania not to come.

is forecast at 18 percent. Everywhere real wages turnthe buying power of wages has ing subsidies and making the fallen by 28 percent since 1989;

standard into section in 1969, is the first country to show growth. Even so, by the end of this year, Poland will be producing only 90 percent of its pre-1989 gross domestic product, according to the Vienna Institute.

In the Czech Republic, described what many consider care. attempt at a classless society, crease when the inevitable re-

Unemployment has emerged Poland, where a "shock ther- bled dramatically: In Poland, vate sectors fail to expand fast surprising comeback in publicenough to take on workers laid opinion polls, said: off from state industries. In Pocurrency convertible was by 18 percent in the Czech Re- land, the unemployment rate slammed into action in 1989, is public, and by 16 percent in stands at 15 percent and could, land, the unemployment rate

20 percent, the Institute says. percent in the 1980s, according Mand in Hungary, the five-year to findings published in July by drop in gross domestic product the World Bank. whelmed by the mental adjustments that have to be made, Poland's former Communist "I have the feeling that the ments that have to be made. leader, General Wojciech Jaruas a permanent legacy as pri- zelski, who has recently made a dapest University.

"The rising disparities be-tween rich and poor are offen-to Western levels of low absen-

after 40 years of communism — was the reason to be pleasant initiative instead of passivity, instead of surly to customers, stress on merit instead of party tial constraint on economic de-velopment. A lack of laws that said, "that the money passen-

question of mentality is the real obstacle to change," said Ru-dolf Andorka, the rector of Bu-

American Airlines says it has taken 18 months to train the ground staff at Warsaw airport tween rich and poor are onensive in a society where everyone
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An Uncompromising Eye

By Henry Allen

Like Walt Whitman with a little marijuana in the glove compartment, Robert Frank, a genius, spent the mid-1950s looking for "that crazy feeling in America when the sun is hot on the streets and the music comes out of the jukebox or from a nearby funeral, that's what Robert Frank has captured in tremendous photo-graphs taken as he traveled on



the road around practically 48 uary existence, such as the resto washing machines in a New states in an old used car (on a taurant on U. S. 1 in Columbia. Jersey department store: five Guggenheim Fellowship) and with the agility, mystery, genius, sadness and strange secrecy of a shadow photographed scenes that have never been seen before on film."

That's how Jack Kerouac wrote his introduction to Frank's picture book. "The Americans," which came out in

Now, at 70, Frank has the eminence of a grouchy cult figure living in shabbiness in New York City and Nova Scotia, and he has more than 150 of his pictures hanging at the National Gallery through Dec. 31.

He is almost beyond criticism, master and a legend. He has made unspeakably good pictures on his good days. There have been many good days.

States better than Americans do. In 1947, one week after arriving in New York, he wrote back to his parents: "Life here is very different than in Europe.
Only the moment counts, nobody seems to care about what what I've always thought!" he'll do tomorrow." A few months later he wrote: "Everything goes so exceptionally fast and I am only one out of δ million people living here."

He proceeded to dine on the naked lunch of America, to use another Kerouac phrase (and title of the William Burroughs novel). Naked lunch, Kerouac whole implacable continent explained, is what's on the end lurking behind his pictures: a more struck, the truth of ordi-

bouncing off the Formica, and a television in the corner showing a man who looks like Lowell Thomas or Adam Clayton Powell. You look at it and want to say "Yes, yes, yes."

Ordinary, ordinary, ordinary. We all see what Frank sees, but it takes a Frank to recognize it. can get hokey - in the famous the sort of sudden thing you see from a stairwell window, or player standing under Ameri-when you're stuck hitchhiking can-flag bunting, for instance, in some dark Pennsylvania In "Los Angeles," a neon arrow town of phone wires and geraniums. His pictures aren't portrayals or evocations — a juke-box with its glare puffing out from it like an angora sweater, a woman standing in an ocean wave (the incredible heft of the Frank is one of those foreigners who understand the United pockmarked hy rain!) — as much as they're documents of

> EHIND this dailiness, he knew what a haunted country America is. He saw that the ghosts of America are America - wilderness, greed, huddled masses, bonanza dreams, cleanliness, godliness, guns, butter and the whole implacable continent

taurant on U.S. 1 in Columbia, Jersey department store; five South Carolina, where Frank bargain gas pumps in Santa Fe; made a picture of an empty table with a napkin dispenser and futures of a black nanny and a bentwood chairs, sunlight white baby in Charleston. South Carolina. All this has a poignancy that's even more poignant for never, ever degenerating into nostalgia.

Style, the clusive angel sought by so many photographers, is merely a means to an end for Frank. His composition picture of the faceless tuba points the same way as a man striding down a sidewalk. Frank doesn't seem to care, he subjects and get plenty of ten-sion at the same time.

These clichés and anachronisms don't seem to be meant as ironies, though Frank is capable of irony. He shot the much-shot hillside "HOLLYWOOD" sign from behind, and included

only two letters — OH.
"Oh," you say, as you stare
down the hill at Tinseltown corroding in the smog.

His pictures have a feeling of offhand velocity, like combat footage from F-16s over Baghdad. Motion is reality, reality is motion. He was not out to create 8-by-10 creches for the front THE KEYS TO THE KING-

more spirit Less art and more the Selling of America's Future to Japan



Scene in New York City, 1955: Robert Frank recorded the truth of ordinary existence. "We all see what Frank sees," said a critic, "but it takes a Frank to recognize it."

Shortage of New At Paris Art Fair

By Michael Gibson International Herald Tribune

ARIS — While the big glass and steel shell of the Grand Palais sits empty and officials agonize over what to do with it (repair or renovate?). FIAC, the Paris international contemporary art fair, has found a temporary haven in a set of spacious tents near the Eiffel Tower.

Through Oct. 16, 169 galleries from 17 countries are showing a good sampling of the kind of contemporary art galleries are going

for in these hard times. The Jan Krugier Gallery of Geneva has two fine minishows, one devoted to pastel, another to the influence of Cezanne. Both contain some items of exceptional quality. But the most striking new work in this stand is a large cityscape by Zoran Music. A timely-timeless oil painting in which, with a light, allusive, almost immaterial touch, the artist conjures up black gutted ruins in the foreground and a white city rising above it in the background, suggesting the silent coming of some apocalyptic vision.

Thessa Herold's newly opened gallery is devoting its stand to two painters enamored of trees: the late Mario Prassinos' suggestive black on white paintings, full of delicate ramifications, and Jean-Paul Agosti's luminous, dappled watercolors of sunny, flut-

Claude Bernard is showing the realist work of the highly gifted Pedro Moreno Meyerhoff who is inclined to paint (or draw) the depressing industrial sites around Barcelona with utmost delicacy

and precision.

Many of the major galleries have chosen to present a broader selection of artists. Grunnzynska (from Cologne) has a good selection of works by the Dada sympathizer Kurt Schwitters and oils hy Frantisek Kupka.

Arrogance and provocation seem to be out. But otherwise no major shift is apparent. Still, there is something for practically

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> be tapped so that Japan — a er plane dubbed the FS-X.

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The fact is that there was lited with a nod toward those who American aerospace engineers

whole deal seems like pretty small beer, hardly the selling of America's future.

If there is a lesson in the FS-X, it is that the international arms trade is always full of pratfalls. In the 1990s -- as during the '30s - American companies eagerly turn to foreign sales to make up for declining military budgets at home. No matter who the customer is, homegrown technology is destined to turn around and bite back, whether on the battlefield or the stock market.

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Lucas Cranach, Painter, And Good Businessman

By Michael Lawton

EIPZIG — We know a lot about Lucas Cranacb the Elder, Born 1472, died 1553, be worked his way up from jobbing painter to court painter to three Saxon princes. He hecame Burgermeister of Wittenberg, owned the town's pbarmacy, started a printing and publishing business, and provided the court with wine and other supplies. And he ran, after around 1505, the most successful painting studio of his time, employing 10 assistants.

We know how much he charged for a com-

mission and how much he paid for materials. We even know which individual trees provided the backing for each of his paintings. And we know he was a good businessman: He got as much of his production as he could into his own hands. The pharmacy provided paints and oils and his printing press turned out his studio's woodcuts and engravings.

But we can only guess at what he painted. Cranach's studio produced work in huge quantities - he received, for example, a commission for 60 double oil portraits of the electors Frederick the Wise and John the Steadfast - but the work is of variable quality. There are still more than a thousand 'Cranachs" in existence, Attribution in the case of the early works is clear, but no one knows how many of the studio works are by Portrait of Gerhardt Volk (detail).

This is an issue of which the curators of "Lucas Cranach — A Painter-Businessman" at the Leipzig Museum of Fine Arts (to Nov. 6) are fully aware. They have included paintings, drawings or woodcuts, that clearly show what they define as evidence of Cranach's hand. That means, broadly speaking, delicacy of touch and an understanding of contour, light and proportion, often missing when as-sistants merely filled in a traced outline. A portrait like that of the young, fresh-faced Gerhardt Volk (1518), with its sensitively portrayed mouth, the shadowing of the eyes, the perfection of the lighting of the cheeks, the finely detailed fur of the cap, is an undisputed masterwork. But who did the smudgy bands?

As Cranach increased his production, he had to turn to new methods of composition, using ready-made elements which he built into new works. While a work like the 'Crucifixion" of 1500, for all its youthful faults of perspective and proportion, is full of narrative energy. Later works are often formulaic. This is evident in a work like "The Dying Man" (1518). The Trinity sit formally in a hit of yellow heaven surrounded by little angels and saints slapped onto the clouds. Below them, the man on his deathbed receives the last sacrament; on one side hovers an angel holding up a card saying "Good Works," on the other devils bolding up cards listing sins. This is picture-as-sermon with cartoon elements, with the parts in subservience to a didactic aim. It is an aesthetic that fails to bridge the centuries.

OME of the same ingredients are in "The Holy Trinity Worshipped by Mary and Sebastian," which Cranach painted three years earlier. The trappings are the same, hut the dynamic of the painting is entirely different. In the later one, Father, Son and Holy Ghost are rigidly one above the other; in this, the Father supports Jesus under his spreadeagled arms to haul him painfully from the earth, and the dove probably more as a glorified sign-painter than flutters on his knee, looking up anxiously as if to support Jesus in this effort. Where the Trinity above the deathbed in "The Dying Man" is a formal element remote from the



drama below, this Trinity is the source of all drama, and the saints and donors below look

toward it with yearning.
We are, incidentally, lucky to be able to see this masterpiece. Like almost all the others, it is in oil on wood; it was in a ruinous condition and has been carefully repaired by two Leipzig restorers, who, in what must have been a scary process, separated the wafer thin layer of paint and varnish from the original wood, and reapplied it to a replacement backing of antique panels.

Cranach was intimately involved in the political and cultural currents of his time. He served his courtly masters, producing striking portraits of them all, which he turned into woodcuts and engravings. They were used in much the same way as modern companies use Christmas cards.

Cranach was also a friend of Martin Luther, who nailed his 95 theses onto the castle church door in Wittenberg in 1517. Cranach painted several portraits of him, as well as of his parents, and illustrated, printed and published his books.

His work was designed to be popular and was usually commissioned. Churches wanted altar pieces; pious people wanted religious pictures for their chapels; nohlemen wanted a classical nymph lying — uncomfortable but voluptuous - on a rich red cloth beside a stone fountain; merchants wanted portraits of themselves and their wives looking at each other across the mantlepiece.

Cranach was not very different from other masters who also had studios with assistants, hut Cranach's studio was the higgest and most efficient. Quality was important, and Cranach's assistants were competent professionals. If he felt like it, or if it was important enough, he would do the difficult hits - he had a reputation to uphold.

In any case, modern ideas of the artist are scarcely relevant to someone who saw himself as an inspired and individualistic creator.

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The Arab World, Seen by Delacroix

International Herald Tribune ARIS -The script of this story could bave been written by a French novelist of the Romanue age in search of the mysterious East. And indeed, the illustrations that go with it, now on view at the Institut du Monde Arabe until Jan. 15, were provided by one of France's most celebrated painters, Eugène Delacroix.

The artist, then 34, was fully formed and well-established wben a journey took him

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through Morocco for six feverish months. Between Jan. 25, 1832, when he arrived in Tan-giers and June 28, when he sailed from Algiers, Delacroix discovered a world that haunted him for the rest of his life.

Perhaps the shock would have been less intense if the artist had not been living until then in a world of pure fantasy, ranging from the Middle Ages as reinvented by him, to contemporary events he depicted without having witnessed them. His first claim to fame came in 1822 with "La Barque de Dante," in which a red-hooded, green-robed figure stands in a boat, raving at the world.

Two years later, Delacroix turned his attention to the event that was causing an uproar throughout Europe, the indis-criminate killing of thousands by Turkish troops on a Greek island, Chios. His handling of the theme, however, upset the critics. The dead and the dying. shown in theatrical postures while a fanciful Turkish horseman superciliously looks down from his rearing steed, were deemed offensively realistic. Turks and Greeks became an

obsession with the artist. He painted "Two Greek Soldiers Dancing" and "A Turk Seated on a Sofa Smoking" without ever having set eyes on Greeks or Turks. Not fully satisfied with the exoticism of the contemporary Near East, Delacroix turned to the distant past. The "Death of Sardanapalus," in which a bearded fellow nonchalantly gazes from his outsized bed at naked women in contorted postures being slaughtered, was the artist's contribution to the 1827-28 Salon. This anticipation of Hollywoodian kitsch, 496 centimeters (more than 16 feet) long. seemed to herald a career devoted to crass mediocrity.

But the French occupation of Algeria, which began in 1830, they began to occupy on June 13, 1830, did not turn out to be the easy ride they had hoped for. Resistance was fierce. In



the west, the population of the Tlemcen area, with historical ties to Morocco turned to a Sufi leader of the Qadiri order, Sheikh Muhy ad-Din, who had sought refuge from the Turks in Morocco. Asked to lead the fight, the sheikh who was too old, sent his son, Abd al-Qadir (Abdelkader, to the French). The leader declared himself to he the deputy of the Sultan of Marrakech.

At that point, the French decided to send a mission to Morocco to dissuade the Sultan from supporting the Algerian fighters. Delacroix got wind of the decision and obtained permission to accompany the French envoys. He paid his own fare.

When looking at the real world Delacroix could be a very different artist from the painter of kitsch on medieval or ancient Near Eastern themes. En route for Africa, he drew a pastel sketch of the Spanish coast off Salohreña that is as poetic as

taneous. A bird's-eye view of from high on the hills has an impressionist sketchiness.

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But if Delacroix reacted strongly to the new landscape, the impact made on his receptive mind by the people was tenfold. While the head of the French delegation, Charles de Mornay, saw the Moroccans as barbarians, to Delacroix they appeared as noble as the ancient Romans. At first gripped by the picturesque, the painter, in his own words "gradually in-sinuated himself into the ways ham's four brothers. He was fascinated by Jewish women

THE official interpreter lurned out to be utterly inelfective. There was a bilarious encounter, echoed in a letter writ-ten by a witness: "The Middle Eastern Arabic of Monsieur Desgranges was so incomprehensible to the Moors and he himself found it so hard to follow the Qa'id's [prefect's] speech, that the Jewish interpreter of the French consulate had to be sent for there and then." De Mornay was livid. Not only were all the consulate

of the country."

anything by Turner.

The artist's first impressions

Not only were all the consulate interpreters Jewish, which was of Tangiers were equally spon- not to his liking, but in addition they were either related to the city with its ramparts seen each other or close acquaintances. There would be no way of conducting the French nego-

tiations without the British being aware of every detail. But that was De Mornay's problem, not the artist's. Delacroix and the interpreter, Ahru-ham Benchimol (Benshmul), who appears to have been as cheerful and likable as he was hospitable, got on famously. The painter spent days in his house and in those of Abra-

Invited to a Jewish wedding, he feverishly wrote down in his little notebook everything he observed and later did several sketches based on these. "The Tangiers Jewish Bride" or "A Moroccan Jewish Woman Seated" are hardly great works of art, but as documents they are invaluable. The same is true of the artist's drawings of scenes

and their highly distinctive cos-

Eventually, the French delegation set out for Meknes. As

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observed on the street.

there to sketch a view with the hig turquoise blue blades of de-sert plants. The first glimpse of the ramparts of Meknes, seen through a sandy haze, inspired him to draw one of his most exquisite watercolors, terse, almost abstract.

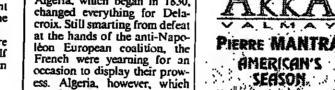
Two Arah muleteers taking shelter in their tent from torrential rain, under a dark leaden sky, was another scene that left an imprint on his memory. He quickly sketched it in penciland picked up the idea again. several years later.

With its two shadowy silhouettes huddled under a tent, a dark mule and a white horse standing outside, further away, against a dark purplish brown sky with lurid shreds of clouds. this is one of the most evocative of his oil paintings drawing oa

ELACROIX was not quite so lucky with his effort on "Moulay Abderrahman, Sultan of Morocco coming out of his palace in Meknes, surrounded by his guard and main commanders." The first impres-sion, jotted down in gray wash heightened with white on blue paper, is lovely. Shadows with pointed hoods and no features glide in an unreal space. From this, Delacroix later drew a preparatory study in oils freely done in broad nervous brush strokes. But the finished painting, completed in 1845, is filled with frozen dummies in Arah

Later, in the 1850s, the oil . paintings claborating on his pencil sketches from Morocco were often painted more broadly, with a hazy colored effect.

Possibly aware of his weakness in this respect, Delacroix then made almost no attempt to portray individuals. Only one face, that of a horseman, can be seen in "Le Passage du Gué" ("Crossing the Ford") and none in "Les hords du fleuve Sebou (Royaume du Maroc)" ("The Banks of the River Sebou"). Impressionism was within they passed through the sun-sight. The days of picturesque drenched blazing landscape, scenes painstakingly recorded Delacroix stopped here and were over.



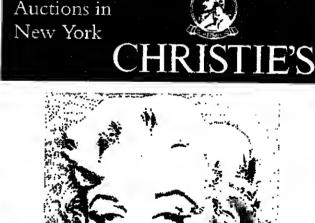
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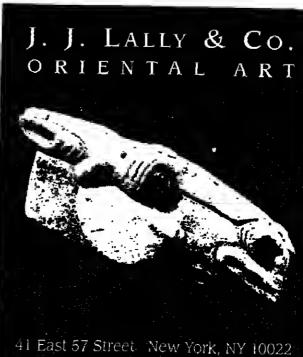
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China Tests Miniaturized Nuclear Arm

By Patrick E. Tyler

BEIJING — China on Friday continued its testing of a new generation of hallistic missile warheads by exploding a nuclear device beneath its far western desert at Lop Nor.

The test, like an earlier one in June and another one a year ago, is part of a series that China has undertaken to verify the reliability of warheads designed during the 1980s for use with Chinese strategic missiles to be deployed in the 1990s. Western

and Chinese experts say.

These warheads, according to one Chinese scientist who worked inside China's ballistic missile program, are designed to be smaller yet more powerful in their explosive yield.

"Right now, China is testing its miniaturization program," the scientist said. "If China obeys the international request to stop testing nuclear weapons, then it means China would have to cancel its ballistic missile program without developing its second-generation ballistic mis-

"How can China do that?" he asked. "It would mean that China would have to discard everything and have only old and

By Kevin Murphy

HONG KONG - Rejecting Governor

Chris Patten's appeal for cooperation in planning Hong Kong's transition from British to Chinese rule. Beijing announced Friday that

it would appoint its own Hong Kong legisla-

The new chamber is envisioned to succeed

the existing Legislative Council, which China says will be dishanded when it takes control

Analysts said it could create a rival power

base to the Hong Kong government and threaten the colonial administration's effec-

"China was compelled to initiate this move after the British Hong Kong government closed the door to any cooperation with China," the official Beijing newspaper China

"A civil legislative committee will be set up

in Hong Kong before July 1, 1997, to oversee

the major areas currently being supervised by the Legislative Council of Hong Kong," it

Although details regarding the makeup of

the proposed body remained unclear, it will

have the right to write new hills before or after

1997 and declare invalid those that China

believes run counter to the Basic Law. the

constitution that will govern the territory af-ter China takes over, China Daily said.

chief justice of Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal and chief judge of Hong Kong's high

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He painted a hleak picture of

the economie situation in North

Korea and pointed to the pros-

pect that the negotiations might

not achieve anything.
"If the United States wants

to settle with a half-baked com-

promise and the media wants to

describe it as a good agreement,

they can," he said. "But I think

it would bring more danger and

Mr. Kim also expressed bit-

terness over the Clinton admin-

istration's failure to raise the

issue of human rights with

and isolated dictatorship.
"Despite the fact that the

really understand the logic."

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The rival legislature will also nominate the

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Robert L. Gallucci.

Mr. Kim said. "Time is on our unification, enlarged on these

side," he added, "There is no criticisms in complaints about

reason why we have to hasten the Clinton administration and

ourselves. It is North Korca that is restless."

une Clinton administration and its chief negotiator in Geneva,

Pyongyang, treating the government as a suitable dialogue partner rather than a ruthless

Cause of the appalling casualties that would be likely to occur.

Accord Remains Elusive

United States is making an is-sue of human rights in Haiti more than two weeks of talks on

and Cuba and China, it is not in reshaping Pyongyang's nuclear

North Korea, where the situa-tion is worse," be said. "I can't produce nuclear weapons, Reu-

Hong Koo, minister of national

and becoming tougher in the lifted.

talks, but argued that the Unit-

ed States was weakening its po-

sition by appointing experts on nuclear nonproliferation rather

Perhaps the sharpest differ-

ence between the United States

and South Korean govern-ments, evident in these inter-

views, was the view on war,

something Washington has

sought to avoid at all costs be-

cause of the appalling casualties

American and North Korean

negotiators were still far Friday

produce nuclear weapons, Reu-

ters reported from Geneva.

than experts on Korea.

of the colony.

tiveness in its final days.

Daily said Friday.

ture hefore the 1997 change in sovereignty.

Australian Seismological Center in Can-herra at 11:25 A.M. Center officials said the hlast registered between 6.1 and 6.3 on

quakes, and estimated its explosive strength at 40 to 150 kilotons of TNT. Later in the day, the Chinese Foreign Ministry confirmed the test, saying in a statement to the official Xinhua press agency, "China will put an end to its nuclear tests" as soon as negotiations on a comprehensive nuclear test han ireaty are

the Richter Scale used to measure earth-

completed in 1996. Among all the nuclear states, China has conducted the least nuclear tests," the statement said. "It has always exercised great restraint on the question of nuclear tests and will continue to do so in the

It was China's 41st nuclear test since 1964, compared to 44 by Britain, 210 by France and more than 1,000 by the United

The White House said Friday that it had been trying to persuade China not to carry out tests, Reuters reported. "We've obviously been working to discourage

planning the takeover.

court, according to Xiao Weiyun, head of the

political panel of a Chinese-appointed body

"There aren't enough details to comment on the proposed body at the moment," a

Hong Kong government spokesman said. "But we can say this: China has no good reason for abolishing the existing legislature. This will do nothing to ensure a smooth

On Wednesday, Mr. Patten urged Beijing to look past a long dispute over recently enacted reforms to Hong Kong's electoral

system and break a logiam of issues arising

The governor also offered to allow a Beijing-appointed group of advisers an informal role in negotiations held between Britain and

China in the Joint Liaison Group, a bilateral

body where high-level talks have ground to a

Kong government's unwillingness to grant a

formal role in the transition to the Prelimi-

nary Working Committee, a group of senior Beijing officials and leading Hong Kong resi-

cratic, nor does it have the trust of all con-

cerned, including Beijing," said Byron Weng, professor of government and public adminis-

tration at Hong Kong's Chinese University.

and in time is questionable." Mr. Weng said.

"But the British administration can't do any-

thing alone, and its support will inevitably

decrease. We are headed for rocky waters."

In a separate interview, Lee Troop Movements

Mr. Lee praised Mr. Gallucci trying to show that it will stir up

for changing his views recently trouble if the sanctions are not

"Expectations that it will do the joh well

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next week. The United States

wants to keep the sanctions, but

Turkey, Russian and France

want to lift them. Iraq may be

At the United Nations, Dep-

uty Prime Minister Tariq Aziz

of Iraq called on the interna-

tional community to examine

the "iniquitous and illegitimate

situation" under which, he said,

one or two major powers were

preventing the lifting of the em-

bargo. He was particularly al-

In a General Assembly

speech devoted almost entirely

to the sanctions, be said: "It is

within Iraq's rights to demand

strongly that this iniquitous and

illegitimate position be changed

soon, and to seek full clarity in

the position of the Security

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Council on its just demands."

luding to the United States.

"This group is not representative or demo-

But Chinese officials assailed the Hong

from the transfer of sovereignty.

dents favored by China.

Beijing Plans Colony Council

obsolete missiles standing there, with no survivability."

The detonation was detected by the "And we're still very committed to the test ban treaty."

Australia and Japan were the first nations Friday to decry China's testing pro-

"We have been urging China to join other nuclear weapons states in declaring a moratorium on its testing program." acting Foreign Minister Gordon Bilney said in Canberra. "China must come to terms with the imminent fact of a ban on nuclear testing for all time and in all environ-

A Japanese Foreign Ministry spokes-man called the test "extremely regrettable" at a time when "the other nuclear-weapon states are continuing their nuclear testing

During 1993, the Clinton administration invested a substantial amount of energy trying to persuade the Chinese to ahandon their testing program. After China carried out a test in October 1993, President Bill Clinton instructed Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary to begin reviewing options to resume American testing at the Nevada



Arrests Sought

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come to Switzerland to die. At Granges, 160 kilometers (100 miles) south of Cheiry, the police said there was no evidence that force had been used against that force had been used against Continued from Page 1

The 500 caves that the Japa-Marine Regiment, command

Tuesday. A local locksmith said he was called Tuesday by the two men to open one of three wooden chalets in the village

ticed a strong smell of gasoline in the chalet, suggesting that the sophisticated system of setting fire to the chalet through timers was an instrument of the Amerand electrical impulses was al- icans and wanted to beat down

Similar devices were found at the farmhouse in Cheiry, the other two chalets at Granges and a house at Morin Heights, lationship with Ann-Christine Quebec, owned hy Mr. di Mem-Bowen, a secretary from Dorbro, where five more victims chester, England, who worked bave been found. The police in for the British military mission Canada believe at least three of in the Belgian capital.

neously, the police now believe it would have been possible for one or more people to have driven between Cheiry and the struggle between the socialism and capitalism. When he told her he was working for Granges during the two or three the Stasi, she agreed to assist. hours between the fires. They As a secretary, she had access said they believed some cars to top NATO secrets. She obhe have left the farmhouse to:

On Thursday, the notion of a absolution, far from the hypoc- that increases will be long in

World War II airstrip of crushed coral and limestone grove swamps, dense tropical and improved by the Americans. Around the area lie rusting relics of the terrible battle

ANGRY COMMUTERS — A man throwing stones in a Bombay railroad station

Friday after a derailment resulted in the cancellation of about 500 suburban trains.

The 500 caves that the Japanese fortified formed part of an unforgiving terrain of man
Marine Regiment, commanded by the legendary Colonel Lewis B. (Chesty) Puller, lost 56 per-

Of the nearly 28,500 Marine Japanese losses were even and army troops who took part higher. Of the Peleliu garrison in the invasion, more than 8,700 of about 13,500 men, fewer were killed, wounded or de- than 300 survived, most of them clared missing in action. The 1st navy construction workers

cent of its 3,000 men in the first vegetation, crags, cliffs and six days, the heaviest losses by a ridges of limestone and razor-regiment in Marine Corps his-

that hours later caught fire. The locksmith said he no- SPIES: Agents for the Stasi Spell Out Damage Done

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na farms. Tourists land on a

Japanese tanks, Marine am-

phihious vehicles, artillery

pieces, remnants of bombs and

socialism," be testified.

In 1970, while studying in Brussels, Mr. Rupp began a re-

She said in testimony here Although the tragedies in Switzerland were thought to have converted almost a large of the said in testimony here this week that she "was completely uninformed" about politics of the said in testimony here

policy division in 1975, which Rupps would carry microfilm, had access to surveys of manterrorist activities and was responsible for security of docu-

directorate. As a country re- defense planning. porter, he had access not only to states, as well as top secret analyses of exercises and Warsaw Pact assessments. From 1977 to 1989, he checked out 1,737 NATO secret documents, ac-

cording to prosecutors.

power strength, and then in Tuborg beer, to drops in a vari-1977 to the NATO security of- ety of cities, including Antwerp. fice, which prepared reports on The Hague, Paris, Istanhul, Amsterdam and Bonn. In 1988, Topaz delivered to

After working for two private companies in Brussels, Rainer Rupp and his own in the Stasi a copy of "MC 161," a top-secret collection of everything NATO beau about the NATO beau about th Rupp got his own job with Warsaw Pact, which was used NATO in 1977, in the economic as the basis for the alliance's

Ann-Christine Rupp said she economic data but also to close- had become disenchanted with rized zone. cerning the defense planning and security of NATO member states, as well as too corner to specific disence and with espionage, particularly after the birth of the couple's first-child in 1980. She quit confer to the couple's first-child in 1980. after, she testified, and later elicited a promise from her husaccount, he did not. Their activities were uncovered with the

tion of Germany.

vals in the fierce 30-month war, but the Serbs have been blamed for most of the ahuses. Two French battalions were sent Thursday afternoon to Mount Igman, the area southwest of Sarajevo where the bod-

all soldiers from the demilita-A UN military spokesman, Major Koos Sol, said this did not exclude air strikes. NATO has launched six aerial attacks on Bosnian Serbs, but never band to do the same. By his own against government troops.

Major Sol said 509 Bosnian Army soldiers had been found opening of Stasi files after the in the zone and escorted out.

UN Drops

Mutilation

Accusation

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — UN officials on Friday withdrew a claim that the bodies of 20 Serbs killed by

government troops outside Sa-

rajevo had been "mutilated."
The bodies of 16 Bosnian
Serbian soldiers and four nurses
were found Thursday. The

Muslim-led government admit-

ted killing them, but denied the bodies had been mutilated.

A UN statement Friday said

The head of the UN mission

six people also had been

in the former Yugoslavia, Yasu-shi Akashi, protested Thursday

to the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, over the incident, He said that "in many cases" the bodies had been "mutilated

tion Force spokeswoman. Claire Grimes, said the United

Nations was withdrawing that

based on the best information at the time," she said. "It seems it was a commando-style opera-tion and the sentries had their

Lieutenant Colonel Tim

Spicer, another UN spokesman,

said that investigation had

showed "that there was not mu-

fury and accused the UN force

in Bosnia of favoring the Mus-

lim-led government. The Bosni-

an Serbian leader, Radovan

Karadzic, threatened to expel

UN forces from the 70 percent

A Bosnian Serbian military

statement called the incident a

"criminal act" and a "powder

keg that threatens to inflame

not only Sarajevo, but a much

Bosnia's Serbs. Croats and

Muslims all have been accused

of atrocities against ethnic ri-

ies were found, with orders to

use force, if necessary, to clear

of Bosnia the Serbs control.

Bosnian Serbs reacted with

throats slit."

tilation as such."

wider region.

"Akashi's statement was

But on Friday, a UN Protec-

or burned and disfigured."

wounded in the attack.

In Bosnia

Force was used in some cases. The UN troops fired anti-tank rounds at Bosnian bunkers, destroying one or two. hut there were no casualties,

Major Sol said. The incident raised concerns that an agreement between Mr. Akashi and Serbian leaders for the reopening of the Sarajevo airport could be in jeopardy.

The airport did open as agreed, but two UN planes were hit hy small arms fire late Fri-

Thursday. A UN spokesman said the airport bad gone onto orange alert after two Ukrainian cargo planes were struck around 4 P.M., one in the tail and one in the cabin. Seventeen UN planes landed earlier in the day with-

ite the

the 15 bodies that were not damaged by fire, nor were any of their heads covered by plastic bags. Pathologists have still to that was hull by the Japanese determine the cause of their

On Friday, a shopkeeper in Granges said she had sold a roll of plastic garbage hags to Dr. Jouret and Mr. di Membro on

ready in place.

the victims, including an infant,

have occurred almost simultaat Cheiry around midnight

collective suicide appeared to have been supported by documents sent to several Swiss newspapers and a Swiss expen on sects in which an anonymous writer explained that the group was "leaving this earth to find in all lucidity and freedom a new dimension of truth and risies and oppression of this world,"

It is now known, however, that the documents were posted in Geneva on Wednesday, several hours after the bodies were found in Cheiry and Grangessur-Salvan. Further, the newspaper, Le Journal de Genève, by the next meeting of the Fed- have not done too much" to tional Association of Purchaspaper, Le Journal de Geneve, by the first method in the first law the economy, Dennis ing Management index and cusing Dr. Jouret of "barbaric the Fed's policy-making arm, in Weatherstone, chief executive consumer spending had raised cusing Dr. Jouret of "barharic behavior" and hlaming him for November. the "veritable carnage."

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But others predict that the Thursday,

goods without raising prices. Mr. Weatherstone expects the Fed to push the federal moved the need for the Federal Reserve to tighter with the federal thing from inflation to industri-Reserve to tighten up immedial production could provide the cent to above 6,

ately, few economists believe that increases will be long in coming.

"A rise in U.S. interest rates are the content of the co is still imminent," said Gerard said Stuart Parkinson, an econ-Lyons, chief economist with omist for Morgan Grenfell in

Although the Fed has increased interest rates five times

down in the United States in the to be hit since flights resumed summer heartened those who felt that inflationary pressures may be easing. In the last two weeks, however, unexpectedly consumer spending had raised J.P. Morgan & Co. Inc., said fears that growth was actually accelerating.

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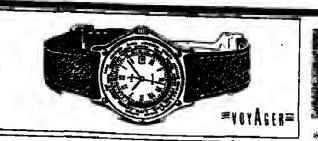
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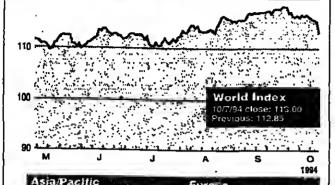


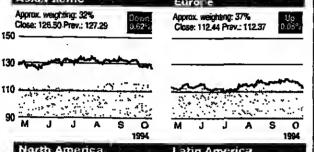
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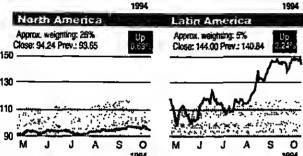
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Finance	113.20	113.72	-0.46	Consumer Goods	101.98	101.73	+0.25
Services	116.97	116,71	+0.22	Miscellaneous	121.50	121,92	-0.34

ECONOMIC SCENE

By Andrew Pollack
New York Times Service

ing agreements with Japan, some foreign and Japanese economists say natural forces could eliminate Japan's huge

"The trade surplus will disappear toward the end of the decade," Robert Alan Feld-man, the chief of economic research for Salo-

mon Brothers in Tokyo, predicted. Edward Lincoln, a former Brookings Institution econ-

omist, said it would take only slightly longer.

century it will disappear," said Mr. Lincoln, who is special adviser to Walter Mondale, the

According to some economie theories, the

aging of Japan's population will bring about an economic and social transformation of the nation that could liquidate its current-account surplus — essentially the trade surplus adjusted for some other flows, such as foreign aid, gifts to relatives in foreign countries and

earnings from foreign investments. This sur-plus measured \$131.4 billion last year.

plus measured \$131.4 billion last year.

[Japan's current account surplus plunged 15.7 percent in August to \$6.16 billion as imports surged, the Finance Ministry announced Friday.

[The decline, which was the largest since November, may signal that Japan's irksome trade surplus has begun a long-term decent, thus relieving upward pressure on the yea, economists told Bioomberg Business News.]

By the year 2020, about one in four people

By the year 2020, about one in four people in Japan is expected to be at least 65 years old,

U.S. ambassador to Tokyo.

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Shares Rebound In China

Rise Follows News On Deng's Health

SHANGHAI - Chinese share prices soared 12 percent Friday in a dramatic afternoon turnaround after the Foreign Ministry denied speculation that Deng Xiaoping, China's 90-year-old senior leader, was close to death.

Prices were also supported by speculation that China's securioes authorities were poised to introduce new measures to lift the market, according to Joyce Leung, a trader with Sun Hung Kai Securities.

Shanghai's official A share index closed up 83 points at 757.86 after plummeting 13 per-cent in morning trading to 586.36 points.

"Once the Foreign Ministry denied the Deng rumors, the market just took off," a trader from a European securities firm

There was a similar turnaround in Shenzhen, where the A share index jumped 10 percent to 173 points after falling 7 percent in the morning. A shares are reserved for Chinese

Investors were also heartened by speculation that China's two exchanges are set to lower taxes on stock trades.

Shanghai B shares, whieb are available to foreign investors, finished lower. The Shanghai B Index, which is calculated by Credit Lyonnais Securities Asia, closed down 0.4 percent at 867.47 points.

Despite the turnaround Friday, Shanghai's A index has still fallen about 20 percent in the past week. Investors have been disappointed that a recent Communist Party Central Committee meeting failed to publicly address China's economie problems, a trader in Shanghai said.

compared with about one in seven now, in

That could give Japan, which celebrates a

Older people tend to draw down their sav-

Economists say that Japan's current ac-

count surplus is a byproduct of the fact that Japan saves more than it invests at bome.

That difference is what it invests overseas -

and by definition it equals the current-ac-

So if saving is replaced by consumption,

Japanese bouseholds save about 14 percent

of their disposable incomes, while their

American counterparts save only about 4 per-

cent. This is partly because many Japanese remember the deprivation after World War II but also because they must save for a long time for bome-loan down payments — which

are relatively large because bousing is expensive and because mortgage lenders demand

But Charles Horioka, a professor at Osaka University, predicted that Japan's savings rate would "decline very sharply, possibly

approaching zero or even negative by 2010 or 2020." The rate has already dropped from a

large equity cushions.

peak of 23 percent in 1974.

CURRENCY & INTEREST RATES

and if there is not an equal drop in investment

within Japan, the mevitable result would be a

drop in the current account surplus.

ings to support themselves. So as Japan's population ages, the country's currently high

private savings rate should decline.

national holiday every September called Respect for the Aged Day, the oldest population

large part because of a low birth rate.

He's Gunning for GATT

By Martha M. Hamilton

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — He's rich. He's courtly. He's determined and effective, say both allies and opponents of the South Carolina textile magnate Roger Milliken, who has spent considerable time and money trying to defeat the Uruguay Round pact worked out by the General Agreement on Tariffs and

Mr. Milliken and his allies scored a big victory this week, blocking a vote in the U.S. Congress on the pact until after the November election.

Arm-in-arm with Ross Perot, Ralph Nader, textile union leaders, Patrick Buchanan and some environmentalists, the 77-year-old industrialist is attempting to persuade members of Congress that the trade agreement repre-sents a dangerous threat to U.S. sovereignty

and prosperity.

Mr. Milliken, whose name is often modified by the phrase "publicity-shy," was not available to talk about his role in opposing the trade pact. But his hand was evident

everywhere on Capitol Hill.

He persuades with his command of the facts, his "old world" charm and his shrewdness about how Capitol Hill works, those who

"He's the kind of guy who, when he walks into a congressional office, be knows the names of the schedulers," said Steven Hofman, a former Labor Department official who has been retained by Mr. Milliken to work against GATT. "He knows the people there, and be knows their value to the member. He's not just a suit who drops in and says, 'Where's the

"Mr. Milliken is a very effective voice for his industry," said Robert Hall, vice president of the National Retail Federation and a sup-porter of GATT. "He's an ardent protectionist and, quite frankly, has been the principal driving force behind quite a bit of damage to U.S. consumers."

Among other things, the trade agreement would replace the decades-old Multifiber Agreement, which limits the import of inexpensive textiles and apparel.

Mr. Milliken and Mr. Hofman produced a memo from Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher charging that small countries would be able to impose their will on the United States in trade disputes under the proposed World Trade Organization.

Mr. Milliken also visited members of Con-

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House Puts Trade Pact on Hold

By Peter Behr Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON -A new warning sign is flashing in front of American politicians a month before the Nov. 8 elections: "Foreign trade may be hazardous to your bealth."

Only a year ago, the comefrom-behind victory by supporters of the North American port for expanding trade would continue.

But now, the House of Representatives is bailing out, having out off until Nov. 29 its vote on a world trade agreement that bad looked a lot less controversial than NAFTA until recently, Earlier, the Senate agreed to go

after the company's flagship pa-

per, The Daily Telegraph,

Advocates still predict victory for the paet expanding the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

But even some of the strongest supporters of world trade agreements in Congress are wary, sensing that many Americans have not decided whether the economic growth that comes from more exports is worth the jobs lost to

shares, which would raise its

in the quality newspaper mar-ket in the United Kingdom,

prospects of The Telegraph and

Disney Moves To Ease Friction With France

PARIS - Walt Disney Co., with an eye toward softening French efforts to restrict the spread of U.S. culture in France, said Friday that it would both promote the distribution of French films in the United States and step up eartoon production in Paris.

Euro Disney, which runs the Euro Disneyland park near Par-is, said its parent was serung up a new subsidiary that would finance co-productions as well as promote classic French films in the United States and dub others into English.

The move comes less than a year after the war of words between the U.S. entertainment industry and European governments during the negotiations over the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. France took the lead in that battle over restricting access for U.S. films and television programs to Europe's growing TV market.

"What one would hope is that what one would get is a little bit of the GATT talks in reverse," Roy Disney, vice ebairman of the company, said in an interview with Bloomberg Business News. "Frankly, this has truly nothing to do with

Disney, which owns 49 percent of Euro Disney SCA, operator of the theme park east of

Hollinger said Friday it would

start buying the shares at market

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the new unit to focus exclusively on promoting French films in the United States. It plans to invest about \$5 million to \$6 million a year in the as-yet-un-

named unit. The company will also spend more money in advertising, as well as becoming involved in co-production projects. "In terms of European co-

productions," Disney will be investing "\$20 million or \$30 million," said Harvey Weinstein of Miramax Films, a Disney production unit that has released such hit films as "The Crying Game" and "The Piano."

In a separate more, Disney is also gearing up its animation production at its Montreuil studios in Paris to start making full-production carteons. For the past five years only television cartoons have been made

The Montreuil studio will make several sequences from the "Huncbback of Notre Dame" eartoon, based on the novel by Victor Hugo.

The moves seem clearly aimed at wooing a French government and public that are skeptical about allowing U.S. culture to invade France's cultural capital.

Culture Minister Jacques Toubon, who has fought to keep English words from creeping into the French language, met Disney officials Friday and showed "a keen interest in the ereation of the new company," a ministry statement said. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

■ New Interest in NBC

Walt Disney has told representatives of General Electric Co. that it wants to resume negotiations to buy the NBC television network, Bloomberg Business News reported from New York, quoting sources close to the talks.

Discussions between the companies stalled earlier after a Gordon & Co. But it will not be \$5 billion offer from Disney buying in the so-called closed was rejected as too low, the believes that at their current period beginning Oct. 17 and sources said. Another sticking levels the shares represent an ending Nov. 17 with the announcement on of Telegraph's GE was willing to sell all of

Free Trade Agreement seemed home, promising to return Dec. 1 to settle the issue. to signal that a half-century of Paris, announced plans to form Black Backs Telegraph Stock With Cash

TORONTO — Hollinger's credibility was damaged in May when it sold cut its cover price to 20 pence. Inc., the publishing company controlled by Conrad Black, on for 587 pence (\$9.31 at the eur-Friday gave a vote of confirent exchange rate) and they shares, which would raise its dence to its troubled British subsequently fell to 349, with stake to 62 percent from 57 persubsidiary by saying it would nearly 200 pence of that decline cent, Hollinger said, "Notwith-raise its stake in Telegraph PLC coming on June 23. On Friday, standing the severe competition

despite a weak third-quarter the price rose to 355 pence, up profit outlook.

45, after the announcement. The stock's price fell in June Hollinger is confident of the

Ameritech **Cuts 4,000 More Jobs**

made in March.

charge to cover the initial cuts.

All seven Baby Bells, created after the breakup of AT&T Corp. a decade ago, are striving to reduce costs because of competitive pressures in almost ev-

Telephone companies that build liber-optic networks are chipping away at their business customers. The cellular industry continues to add customers at a rate of 17,000 a day. And cable companies have plans to compete with the Bells after they upgrade their vast networks to transmit phone calls.

Together, the seven Bells bave eliminated more than 150,000 jobs since 1990.

slashed its cover price to 30 pence from 48 pence in response attractive investment." to a cut in the price of its rival.

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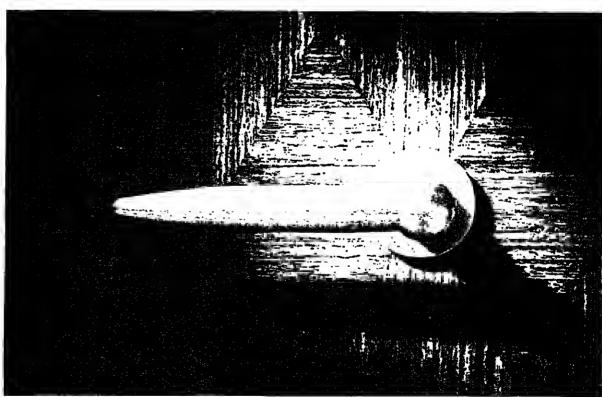
CHICAGO - Ameritech Corp. said Friday that it would cut 10,000 jobs, or 15 percent of its work force, by the end of 1995, an increase from the 6,000 estimate that the company

To pay for the increase, the Chicago-based Baby Bell will incur a \$168 million third-quarter charge, or 31 cents a share, to cover the reductions. Ameritech took a \$333 million first-quarter

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Stocks Advance As Oil Prices Rise

NEW YORK - U.S. stocks snapped a four-day slide on Friday as oil stocks rallied amid tensions in the Middle East and as International Business Machines Corp. climbed to a twoyear high.

Traders also expressed relief that a report showing U.S. employment below 6 percent for

U.S. Stocks

the first time in four years was not even stronger, damping fears that the Federal Reserve might have to raise interest rates soon.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 21.87 to 3,797.43. Over the week, the index fell 45.76 points, or 1.2 percent, and over the last three weeks it has fallen 4 percent.

Bonds were buoyed by the report and the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond retreated to 7.91 percent on Friday from 7.96 percent on

Thursday.
Roughly 11 stocks rose for every 10 that fell on the Big Board, and volume totaled 284,23 million shares, up from 268.27 million on Thursday.

Oil stocks surged along with oil prices in the wake of reports

toward Kuwait and President Clinton had sent an aircraft carrier to the Persian Gulf. British Petroleum PLC American depositary receipts rose 1% to 79, Mobil climbed 1% to 79%, Amerada Hess gained 21/2 to 4814. Exxon advanced 11/2 to 58%, Chevron increased 1 to

4214 and Amoco rose % to 58%. Stocks were also boosted by IBM, which surged 2%, or 3.5 percent, to 71%, its highest price since late 1992 after reports emerged that a recently introduced personal computer line had met strong demand.

Some Boalysts said that stocks might continue to gain early next week but could come under pressure late next week when the producer price report for September and the consumer inflation index are due for

Biogen surged 51/2 to 541/4 after a report that Schering-Plough was in talks with Biogen to market a new beta-interferon drug to treat multiple sclerosis.

Engelhard slumped 2¼ to 24% after the maker of air conditioners said it was uncomfortable with recent analyst projections for the third quarter due to heavy new investments it has

Dollar Rises a Notch Amid Tensions in Iraq

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK - The dollar and was the only major currenfirmed against other major cur- cy to remain fairly firm against rencies Friday, boosted by B the dollar. The U.S. currency rise in the price of oil and bond was quoted at 1,2804 Swiss prices amid concern about ten- francs, little changed from sions in Iraq.

The U.S. unit rose to 1.5470

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1.5440 DM on Thursday and climbed to 100.61 yen from 99.835 yen.

President Bill Clinton dispatched an aircraft carrier to the Gulf region and put U.S. Army troops on alert in re- mark and the yen. sponse to Iraqi troop movements near the Kuwait border, sued Thursday, the council said officials said.

IDEA said the situation in Iraq was putting pressure on the yen. end of 1995, but it later may be too optimistic. tion, the yen is most vulnerable because of Japan's heavy dependence on imported oil," she

The Swiss franc assumed its from \$1.5908. role as a haven amid concerns

bout international tensions

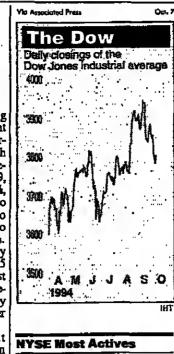
Thursday. Dealers said the dollar had Deutsche marks on Friday from also been underpinned by a report that U.S. unemployment had fallen to its lowest level in four years.

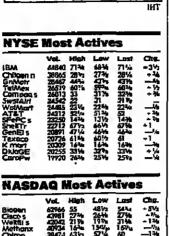
The Business Council, a group of top American executives, said Friday that economic recovery in Europe and Japan might restrain an anticipated rise of the dollar against the

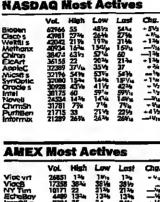
In its twice-yearly report isit expected the dollar to drift 5 Amy Smith, an analyst for percent to 10 percent higher against the mark and yen by the end of 1995, but it later said this

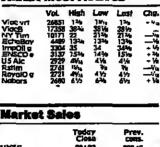
> Against other currencies, the dollar rose to 5.2855 French francs from 5.2780 francs, and the pound slipped to \$1.5865

(Reuters, AFX)









U.S.-Saudi Impasse on Jets

JIDDA - The United States and Saudi Arabia have failed

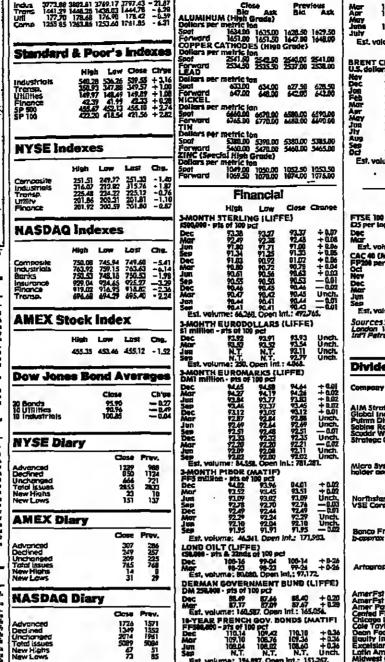
to agree on funding for the purchase by Saudia Airlines of 60 wide-bodied Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. jets worth \$6 billion. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said

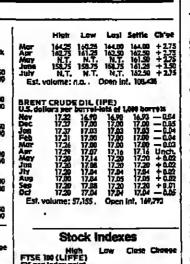
Mr. Bentsen said at a news briefing that he had discussed with Finance Minister Mohammad Abalkheil possible fund-

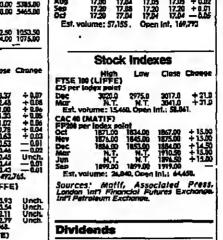
"I don't think anything was arrived at in the way of conclusion, but we're discussing that as a possibility," he said. Saudia signed the contract in February.

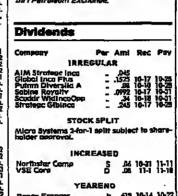
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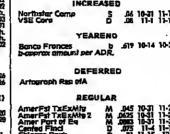
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HAMBURG — The environmental group Greenpeace said Friday that Volkswagen AG's new Polo model was ecologically unsound and advised people not to buy it.

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"The car is not only 190 kilos heavier than its predecessor but also uses more fuel." Greenpeace said in a statement. "Considering the warming of our climate, the new Polo is an ecological

Volkswagen launched the new model in Germany and France

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Fidelity Holds 10.7% of RJR Nabisco

BOSTON (Bloomberg) — Fidelity Management & Research Co. and Fidelity Management Trust Co. said in a filing Friday that they held a 10.7 percent stake in RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp.

In a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the two Boston units of FMR Corp. said the 10.7 percent includes convertible preferred stock issued by the food and tobacco giant. Fidelity is the largest stockholder in Borden Inc., with more than 13 million shares as of June 30. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co., which has 40 percent of RJR, has proposed swapping 52 billion worth of its RJR stock for all of Borden's shares. That would increase Fidelity's stake in RJR stock would increase Fidelity's stake in RJR even more.

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IBM Is Sold Out of Aptiva PC Line

ARMONK, New York (Bloomberg) — International Business Machines Corp. has sold out its new Aptiva personal computer line which carry line, which could cost the computer maker more than \$100 million in lost revenue in the fourth quarter, analysts said Friday. The sell-out comes just months after the computer giant report-

ed huge losses because of a buildup of PCs in inventory for the fourth quarter of 1993. IBM said it had conservatively estimated the demand to avoid a repeat of last year's fiasco, when retailers returned more than \$600 million of unsold products, analysts said. "IBM is famous for this sort of thing," said Roxanne Googin of Gruntal & Co. "It's considered an amateurish mistake and could

make it more expensive for them to gain market share." In the race for market share, IBM has been tripped up by Compaq Computer Corp., which took first place this year with 13.4 percent of the market; IBM fell from first to fourth place with only 7.9 percent.

USAir Bonds Fall as Pilots End Talks

ARLINGTON, Virginia (Bloomberg) — The price of USAir Group Inc.'s bonds fell Friday, losing 8 percent after the pilots' union broke off contract talks.

The pilots are protesting USAir's plan to cut its payroll by selling some larger aircraft, particularly Boeing 767s. The grounding of the aircraft would mean that pilots assigned to those jets

would be moved to lower-paying jobs flying smaller planes.

USAir's 10 percent senior notes due in 2003 were down about 8 percent from Thursday, traders said. The bonds, USAir's most actively traded issue, were selling for 59.5 cents on the dollar.

Unitrin 3d-Quarter Profit Triples

CHICAGO (Bloomberg) - Unitrin Inc. said Friday its thirdquarter earnings more than tripled as the insurance company benefited from gains related to its investment portfolio.

Unitrin, which is the target of a hostile takeover bid by American General Corp., said net income rose to \$49.9 million, or \$1 a share, from \$14.3 million, or 28 cents, a year earlier. Revenue rose to \$350 million from \$340.9 million.

The net includes gains of \$10.2 million from the sale of investments and \$14.3 million from its investment portfolio. A year earlier, the company had a gain of \$1.3 million from the sale of investments and B loss of \$14.1 million from its portfolio.

Alcoa Earnings More Than Double

PITTSBURGH (Bloomberg) — Aluminum Co. of America reported Friday that third-quarter earnings had more than doubled from a year earlier, as rising aluminum prices, surging demand and cost-cutting helped the company exceed Wall Street's expectations.

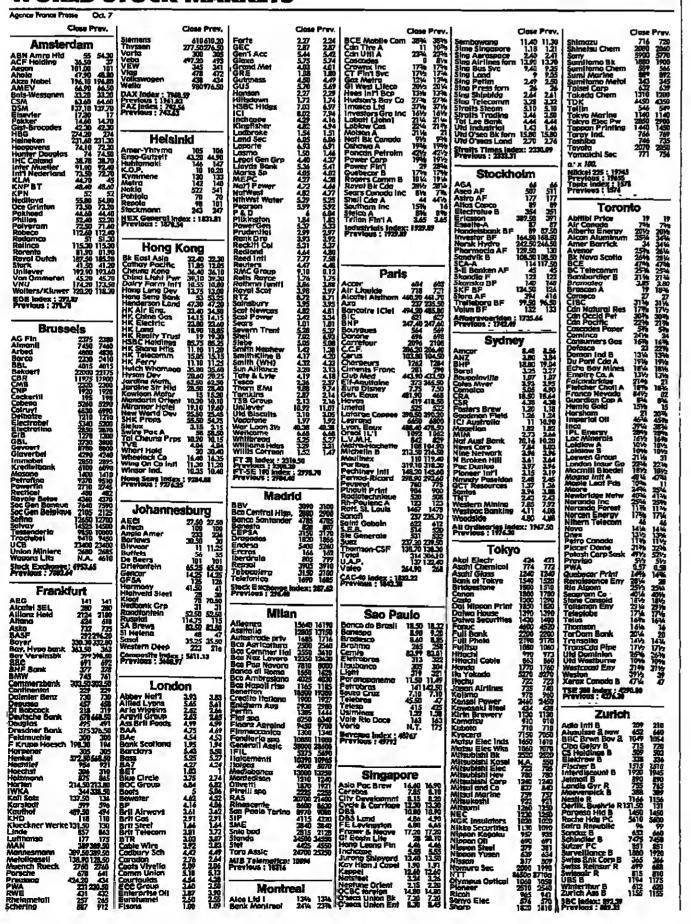
Alcoa, the world's largest aluminum maker, had earnings of \$70.1 million, or 79 cents a share, up from \$28.8 million, or 32

Santa Fe Pacific Rejects Bid

NEW YORK (NYT) - Santa Fe Pacific Corp. has rejected a \$3.4 billion hostile takeover offer from Union Pacific Corp.. saying it thought the bid would not be approved by federal

Union Pacific made its unexpected bid Wednesday night, offering to exchange 0.344 of a share of Union Pacific common stock for each Santa Fe share, in a deal valued at \$17 a share. The proposal threatened to block a \$2.5 billion merger agreement announced in June between Burlington Northern Inc. and Santa Fe that would have created a railroad bigger than Union Pacific.

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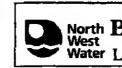
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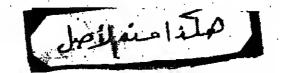


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STOCKHOLM - Sweden's newly elected Socialist prime minister, Ingvar Carlsson, said Friday that he would soon present an economic program designed to support the krona

"The Swedish krona is undervalued," Mr. Carlsson said in his first address to Parliament but he did not give details of how be would support it.

He said the plan would also * tall as Pilots Ludie aim to improve government finances and reduce unemployment, though again be gave no specifics.

Mr. Carlsson's speech trig-gered an early rally in the krona, as the Deutsche mark fell to 4.7423 kronor before recovering to 4.7669 kronor, up from 4.7623 kronor Thursday.

The prime minister's comments apparently failed to inspire Swedish investors looking for a firm declaration of the new government's budget proposals.

"It was all old news in the declaration," said Anders Elm-gren, a trader at the brokerage concern Aros Fondkommis-

Sweden's OMX stock index fell about 1 percent Friday, but traders said the market was reacting more to the possibility of higher U.S. interest rates than to domestic news

Aker to Cut 4,000 Jobs

ge More Than Doubt Aker AS will trim between 4,000 and 5,000 jobs in its oil and gas technology division next year because of a fall in domestic offshore activity, the senior vice president of corporate communication, Frode Geitvik, said in Oslo, according to a report from AFP-Extel.

Aker earlier reported a fall in eight-month pretax profit after financial items, to 35g million Norwegian kroner (\$53 million) from 526 million kroner a year earlier, as sales dropped to

11.859 billion kroner. In the oil and gas technology division, pretax profit after financial items fell to 156 million kroner from 343 million kroner as sales dropped to 6.38 billion kroner from 7.48 billion kroner.

Lack of EU Ties Pressures Swissair

ZURICH - The stock of Swissair AG fell more than 5 percent this week amid what analysts say were worries about the national carrier's ability to form a Euro-

pean partnership.

Nearly a year after the collapse of the so-called Alcazar project - which envi-sioned a merger of Swissair, Scandinavian Airlines System, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines and Austrian Airlines - Swissair seems a long way from forging new European ties.

Mark Browne, who follows the com-pany for S.G. Warburg, said, "Swissair keeps saying they are nearing the breakeven point, but what the market is now missing is some positive news on the strategic side.

Mr. Browne said Swissair was competing with other carriers "with a hand tied behind its back" because of Switzerland's political isolation. The airline bas stressed the fact that it has to pay extra charges at some airports in European Union countries.

Swissair has been in talks with a number of airlines in recent months, particularly Sabena. The Belgian carrier is 37 percent owned by Air France and a group of banks; the rest is owned by the Belgian government. But Sabena reportedly is unhappy in its relationship with Air France and looking for a more dynamic business alliance.

Swissair registered shares reached a high of 888 francs (\$695) this year, on Aug. 26, in expectations of improved half-year earnings. But although its net loss narrowed to 48 million Swiss francs and the company posted an operating profit, the results fell short of expectations. The stock fell 4.3 percent the day the results were announced last month.

the half-year results," Mr. Browne said. The market seems to have now lost interest in the stock because there is no positive news to drive it."

Swissair shares ended Friday in Zurich at 815 francs, a 5.6 percent decline from the close of 863 francs a week earlier.

The airline quelled speculation this week that Air France had offered to sell its Sabena stake. Otto Loepfe, the chief executive, was quoted Friday in the Neue Zurcher Zeitung as saying Swissair's small size meant that going it alone was not a viable alternative.

"Swissair still hasn't got a foot in the European Union, and the talks with Sabena seem to be far from over," said Alain Kupferschmid at Bank Sarasin. "No news means uncertainty, and it would be nice to hear something before Christmas."

SGS-Thomson Profit Jumps 47%

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches PARIS - SGS-Thomson Microelectronics BV, a joint venture of Thomson-CSF of the second quarter rose 47 per-

\$672.4 million, as demand

surged. SGS-Thomson said sales increases were recorded in Europe, the Americas and the France and the Italian state-owned holding company IRI, Asia-Pacific region during the said Friday that its net profit in quarter. It said orders also were

SGS-Thomson said net profit for the first half doubled from quarter. It said orders also were

the year-earlier period to \$166.1 quarter. It said orders also were strong, continuing the trend cent from a year earlier, \$86.5 shown in the first quarter.

The company - which is Eu-The company, which is the rope's largest semiconductor starting in 1987, the company ind-largest semiconductor manufacturer, based on 1993 had net profit of \$160.1 million third-largest semiconductor manufacturer, based on 1993 manufacturer worldwide, said sales — also has continued to in 1993 and record sales of \$2 sales were up 28 percent, to invest beavily in equipment and billion. (AFX, AFP, Bloomberg)

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facilities, particularly in France, Italy and the United States, and has added semiconductor manufacturing capacity.

the year-earlier period to \$166.1 million, while sales rose 32 percent, to \$1.7 billion.

After a series of poor results

Alcatel Executive Assails Ministry On Phone Award

PARIS — An executive of Alcatel Alsthom SA, in an interview published Friday, criticized the way the French government awarded a license to operate France's third mobile telephone network.

The license was awarded to a group led by Bouygues SA. Jacques Imbert, deputy managing director at Alcatel, said the company was "amazed" at arguments that the Industry

Ministry nsed. A report by the ministry praised Alcatel's technical competence but said the company had been excluded because its work would create "a serious problem" for Alcatel's relacionship with France Telecom.

Big Cut in Bank Debt

FRANKFURT - Metalligesellschaft AG said Friday that it nearly halved its bank debt in the year ended Sept. 30, to 4.1 billion Deutsche marks (\$3 billion) from 7.6 billion DML

The company, which nearly went bankrupt early this year, said liquid assets declined to 3 billion DM from about 4 billion DM a year earlier, while net debt fell to 1.2 billion DM from 3.6 billion DM a year earlier. MG's chairman, Karl-Josef

Neukirchen, told employees that the group had completed its restructuring into a holding company with subsidiaries.

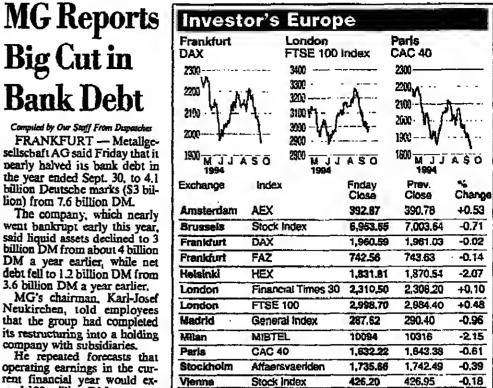
He repeated forecasts that operating earnings in the cur-

rent financial year would ex-ceed 100 million DM. Metallgesellschaft shares closed at 140 in official trading,

After the reorganization effective Oct. 1, the parent company is a holding company employing 120 persons, Metallgesellschaft said. It has responsibility for strategy, control and finance, legal and personnel matters, and public rela-

The Metallaesellschaft that Mr. Neukirchen took over had been driven to the brink of bankruptcy by its managers, who sanctioned risky oil deals in the United States and a rapid expansion program.

Analysts said Friday's report showed that MG was on the smaller assets.



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• The European Investment Bank will give South Africa access to ! billion rand (\$280 million) in capital as part of an accord between the European Union and South Africa, Sir Leon Brittan, the EU trade commissioner, said.

SNCF President Jean Bergougnoux said the French national railroad company would have an operating deficit this year about equal to its 1993 deficit of 7.7 billion frames (\$1.5 billion).

Spanish industrial production rose 7.9 percent in July from a year earlier, the Economy Ministry said, and the inflation rate rose to 4.8 percent in August because of an increase in fresh food prices.

Switzerland's unemployment rate fell to 4.4 percent in September from 4.5 percent in August, the government said.

• The Netherlands' consumer prices rose 0.8 percent in September from a month earlier and 2.7 percent from a year earlier, the Central Bureau of Statistics said

 Volkswagen AG said it had received 23,000 advance orders for its new subcompact, Polo. by the end of September, about twice as (Bloomberg, Reuters) many as it expected. AFP, AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters

Traders said soaring returns on dollar road to recovery, but they retransactions were whipping up speculation. Yields gained by switching out of rubles into dollars overnight and then back into rubles role as a supplier of equipment peated warnings that the reand an operator of such a netvamped company would bave a huge share base and much

MOSCOW - The Russian central bank does not want to use its hard currency to support the ruble in a market dominated by speculators, Alexander Potyomkin, chief of the bank's international monetary department, said Friday.

Meanwhile, the ruble slumped to another

record low Friday against the dollar, battered by speculative dollar purchases by commercial banks.

"Before the ruble hit 2,600 to the dollar, the central bank resisted its fall rather strongly." said Mr. Potyomkin. "But now we don't want to use our resources" to support the market, "In these conditions, we want to dissociate

ourselves from the behavior of our market colleagues.' The dollar rose Friday to 2,896 rubles from 2,833 rubles Thursday on the Moscow Inter-

bank Currency Exchange. The ruble has fallen 9 percent against the dollar so far this have jumped to 600 percent a year, dealers The ruble is too low because of excessive

demand from commercial banks dictated by purely speculative expectations," Mr. Potyomkin said. "The current ruble's weakness is not based on any macroeconomic factors."

■ CIS Industrial Output Plummets

Industrial output in the Commonwealth of Independent States plummeted 26.1 percent in the first eight months of 1994 from a year earlier, according to figures issued Friday and reported by Agence France-Presse.

The report also said production of industrigoods rose 4 percent from July to August this year in the commonwealth as a whole. The commonwealth groups the 12 states of the former Soviet Union, including Russia.

MILLIKEN: Textile Magnate's Anti-GATT Crusade

gress armed with a memo by the economist Pat Choate, who helped Mr. Perot in his unsuccessful bid to block the North American Free Trade Agreement, on how members of the organization were likely to vote in disputes with the United

Mr. Milliken worries that his generation will be the first to

an America that is less prosper- field 4th, president of the Amerious than it was, said John Nash can Textile Manufacturers Insti-Jr., Washington counsel to Milli-tute and the chairman of Unify ken & Co. His concern, he said. Inc., a textile yarn company in is that the trade agreement will Greensboro, North Carolina. result in U.S. manufacturers moving production offshore, textile empire, which has sales eliminating better-paying jobs.

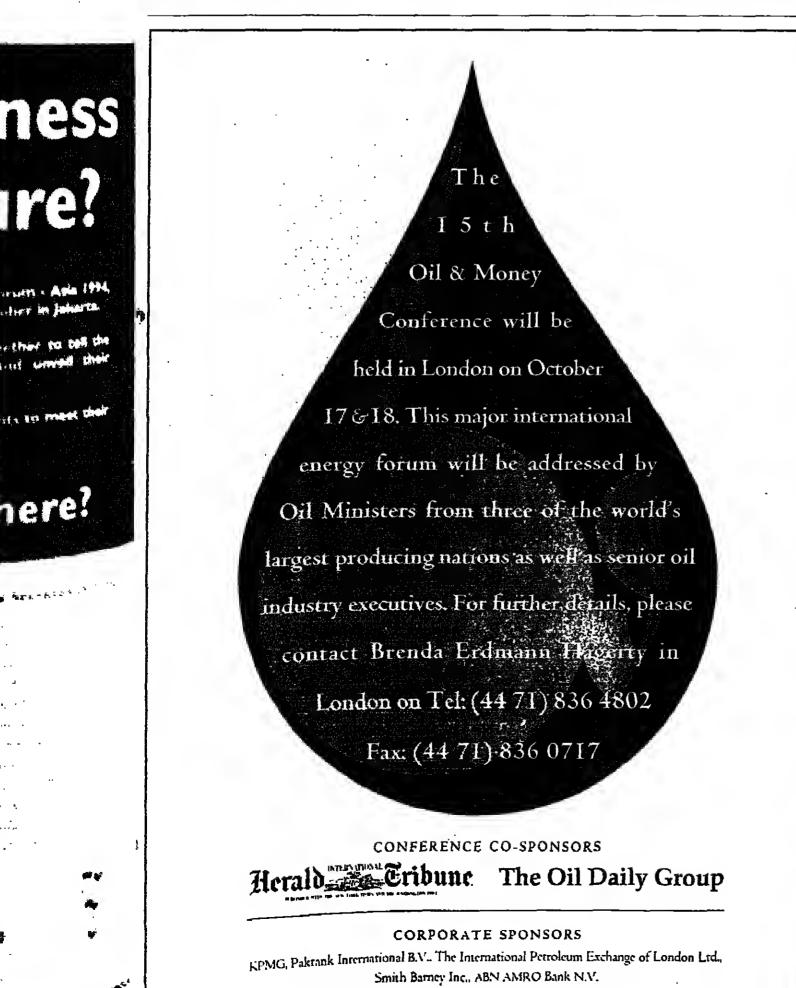
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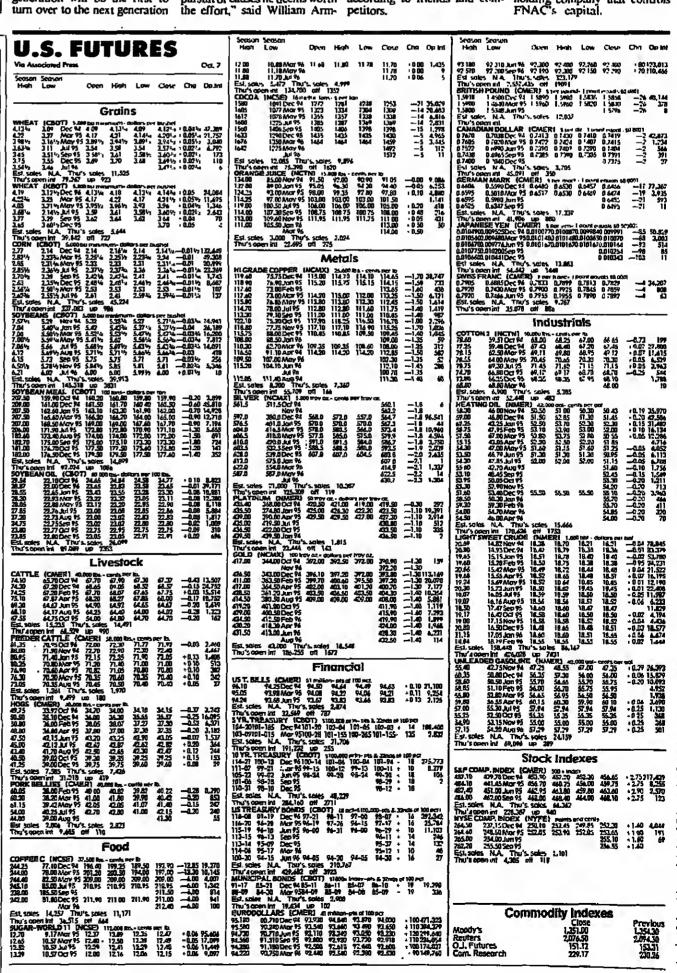
Pinault-Printemps Bids For FNAC, Bourse Says

AFP-Extel News

PARIS - Pinault-Printemps-Redoute is paying 3.065 francs (\$580) a share to Altus Finance, a unit of Credit Lyonnais, for 64.6 percent of the consumer electronics company FNAC and will seek to buy the rest of the company at the same price, the Paris Bourse said Friday.

Altus's stake is held through a holding company that controls FNAC's capital.





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Taiwan Investigates Textile Firm's Chief

TAIPEI - Authorities seized documents from the headquarters of Husion Corp. in connection with defaults of more than 3 billion Taiwan dollars (\$115 million) on stock purchases, James Oung Ta-ming, who con-trols the company, said Friday.

Government officials said investigators also collected evidence at Mr. Oung's house. Mr. Oung is one of the wealthiest husinessmen in Tarwan and a member of the country's legislature. Mr. Oung denied involvement in the scandal.

Hualon, a textile company, is suspected of pushing shares in Imperial Hotel, one of its affiliates, to a peak of 402 dollars in August from 30 dollars in Janu-

No trading in Imperial was reported Friday. It closed at 293 Thursday.

Press reports have said the stock had been supported in an operation costing I hillion dol-lars a month. Four securities houses handling Hualon stocks were suspended by the Securities and Exchange Commission because they were unable to settle positions in the shares.

The houses suspended were Hung Fu Securities, Riches Securities, Ta Chiang Securities and Feng Shan Securities.

Investors continued Friday to bid down shares in Huslon and related companies, analysts said. While the henchmark Weighted Price Index fell 0.5 percent to 6,620.36, analysts said financial stocks were hit hard, and companies close to Hualon would continue to be

affected by the scandal. The market has fallen 7.8 percent in three days.

"Things are already starting to look better for the overall market," said George Hou, a fund manager for Jardine Fleming Taiwan Investment Trust. "But shares in Hualon and companies associated with Hualon will continue to fall,"

The Investigation Bureau on Thursday detained four people trying to leave Taiwan on a flight to Hong Kong. One of the four, Lee Hsiu-fen, is an aide to Mr. Oung. A fifth person asso-ciated with Hualon was arrested Friday in connection with the defaults, according to Taiwan television reports.

The Securities and Exchange Commission said payment de-faults totaled 3.35 billion dollars. It said it did not expect more defaults to emerge.

(AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

Glum Prospects for Japan Tobacco

company decided in late August to apply for Japan Tobacco shares, he was all in favor of buying a piece of the world's fourth-largest tobacco company,

But Mr. Takada has just canceled his

TOKYO - When Tsutomo Takada's

"My reasoning wasn't based on the company's fundamentals or recent news-paper reports," Mr. Takada said. "1 think the share is expensive.

Less than three weeks before the government's \$10 hillion listing of Japan Tohacco will hit the market, Japan's higgest stock offer of 1994 is threatening to turn into a colossal flop. Individual investors make up the largest percentage of IT's prospective shareholders, and they have been running to brokerage houses in droves in the past week to cancel their applications for JT shares.

On Friday, government officials gave the first indications that they may be

A front-page article in the Nihon Keizai newspaper said Finance Ministry of-ficials may try to dull the impact of the bureaucrats were looking into ways to make sure shares that go unsold don't hurt the market.

"The ministry is trying hard to boost investment confidence in the issue and in the market," said Louis Tseng of Lehman Brothers. "But investors are wary."

Investors were initially inspired by the listing of the tobacco giant - the issue was more than 18 times oversubscribed but a weak stock market coupled with the failure last month of another major listing has considerably dampened its reception.

At 1,438,000 yen (\$14,400) a share. investors and analysts call the price excessive, given the company's limited prospects for growth compared with other tohacco companies worldwide.

Despite IT's 82 percent share of Japan's tobacco market, its price/earnings ratio - at 40 times prospective 1994 earnings — is higher than those of American and British tobacco giants, according to figures compiled by UBS Securi-

Japan Tohacco forecast in May that its current profit would rise slightly this massive share offering may have on the year, but a drop in tobacco sales and

increased competition from foreign brands may have eroded that prospect. Traders, however, say the state of the stock market may have been a larger factor in investors' change of heart.

Just days before the offering price of Japan Tobacco shares was set, shares of Japan Telecom Co. were priced at a hefty 4.7 million yen. Many traders blame the Nikkei 225's descent helow 20,000 for the first time in three months on that

Traders say that if the Finance Ministry lists one-third of its stake in Japan Tohacco on Japan's eight stock markets on Oct. 27, the share price — and the overall market - can only decline.

Investors are now coming to the same conclusion. Of 440 winners in the Japan Tobacco share lottery in early September, 110 have already canceled their applications, the Nikkei English News said. As of Thursday, only 10 percent of the

429,666 shares offered in the lottery had been purchased, according to a trader at a Japanese brokerage.

Japan Telecom finished 90,000 yen lower, at 3,920,000, on the Tokyo Stock Exchange on Friday.

(Bloomberg, AFX)

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Japan Approves \$6.3 Trillion Works Program

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

TOKYO - Japan completed plans Friday to spend 630 trillion yen in the decade starting in April 1995 on public works projects but left open the question of how

to fund the program. The debate fueled fears that the \$6.3 trillion program, which aims to shore up an economy just recovering from a severe recession and to provide for Japan's aging population, would worsen already shaky

The new plan, endorsed by the cabinet, would replace a \$4.3 trillion spending plan being implemented over the 10 years that began in 1991. at a news conference that the program would certainly contribute to boosting do-

The program provides for supplying 1.6 million houses in the inner cities, plus improved sewer services and better traffic safety facilities for the handicapped and

It calls for private business to lead in developing an optical fiber network and for the introduction of a waste disposal system in which resources and energy would be efficiently recycled.

The Economic Planning Agency merely

The director-general of the Economic said that each project should be funded by Planning Agency, Masahiko Komura, said a proper combination of tax income, public bonds, the government's investment program and private funds.

> Analysts said the planned spending increase would eventually prompt the government to issue more construction bonds, which would in turn enhance the risk of higher interest rates.

> Finance Minister Masavoshi Takemura said at a news conference that he was "concerned about how to finance the spending plan," adding: "We will utilize every possible means to secure the sum."

Indonesia Gets U.S. Support on Free-Trade Zone

JAKARTA - The United States said Friday that it sup-ported Indonesia's efforts to get members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group to agree on establishing a free-

Speaking after a meeting of trade ministers, the deputy U.S. trade representative, Charlene Barshefsky, said Washington (Reuters, AFP) was not pushing a fixed date for setting up a trade zone.
Indonesia, chairman of the

group of 17 countries, is lobbying members ahead of an informal summit meeting set for Ja-

karta in November. In Washington, President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai of Thailand agreed Thursday that trade liberalization should be a priority

Very briefly:

Investor's Asia

Hong Kong

• China's Supreme People's Court has asked lower courts to assign more people to intellectual property rights protection.

. Taiwan's trade surplus more than doubled in September from a year earlier, to \$1.05 billion, mainly on an 18 percent rise in exports led by shipments to the United States, Japan, Hong Kong

and Southeast Asia. • China's civil aircraft fleet is expected to grow 75 percent within six years, to 700 planes, according to Chen Guangyi, director of the Civil Aviation Authority, quoted in the Guangming Daily.

 Toshiba Corp. said it planned to expand color television production capacity at its Tennessee plant to 2 million units a year from the current 1.4 million.

 Union Carbide Corp. and Mitsubishi Corp. said they were planning an initial public offering to sell a 44 percent stake in UCAR international Inc., their jointly owned unit that manufactures steelmaking equipment.

· Foster's Brewing Group Ltd. of Australia is seeking acquisitions or joint ventures to bolster its cash flow. Chief Executive Ted Kunkel was quoted as saying in the Sydney Morning Herald. AF.

AFP. AFX, Bloomberg.

Sun Hung Kai Profit Soars

HONG KONG - Sun Hung Kai Properties said Friday that its net profit, underpinned by strong property sales, rose by 32 percent, to 8.82 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$1 billion). in the year ended June 30.

The real estate development and investment concern said it had sold properties valued at a total of 15.26 hillion dollars during the year, up 48 percent from the previous year.

"All properties are virtually fully let at satisfactory rentals." said Walter Kwok, the company's chairman. He said he was optimistic, though cautious, about the outlook for the housing market in Hong Kong despite a fall in apartment prices of 15 percent to 20 percent in recent months amid higher interest rates and government moves to curb speculation.

Tables include the nationwide prices up to the closing on Wall Street and do not reflect late trades elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

Hanny to Explain Plunge in Profit

HONG KONG - Stung by the poor performance of its newly acquired Memorex busi-(Holdings) said Friday it would try to explain its plunge in profit, after queries by the Hong

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Aftertax profit dropped 76 percent in the year that ended Hanny's shares were sus-pended from trading on the stock exchange Thursday. Hanny said it had asked for the slumped to a low of 82 Hong

Sept. 7 from its high this year of 3.875 dollars on Jan. 4. It closed Wednesday at 98 cents.

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PRIVATISATION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF GUINEA

The Guinean Republic has decided to privatise the Telecommunications Company of Guinea (SOTELGUI) through toreign private investment. This company has the monopoly of public sector Telecommunications in Guinea.

The international request for proposals is aimed at companies, or groups of companies, with previous experience in the management of a public sector company in this lield.

Tender documents and further information can be obtained from: La Division du Porteleuille du Ministère des Finances Direction Nationale des Marchès Publics et du Portefeuitle de l'Etal Avenue de la République, face à l'hôpital Ignace DEEN BP 2066 Conakry-GUINEAN REPUBLIC

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ll is also possible to obtain further information from Arthur Andersen, advisor to the government, addressing enquiries to: Mr. David DARBYSHIRE (Arthur Andersen - London)

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The Best Regulator Is Yourself

URING a recent U.S. Senate hearing concerning the well-be-ing of financial markets and the protection of individual investors, Arthur Leviu, chairman of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, said he was worried.

He said he feared that more American investors were putting their savings into investments they didn't understand, and that in a market downturn, these people might clamor for Congress to impose stricter regulation on the securities industry. But excessive controls on the widelymisunderstood group of securities known as derivatives, be added, might not be such a good idea, because derivatives can reduce risk as well as add to it.

Mr. Levitt's observations are well taken. First, more Americans are indeed investing. And mutual funds, which increasingly use derivatives to hedge in equity and bond markets, have become the vehicle of choice.

As for some investors not understanding financial markets, Mr. Levitt is right on target. Amid today's investment phantasmagoria, even some professional investors don't grasp areas of the markets in which they do not regularly deal. Nor, perhaps, should they be expected to. Your dermatologist might be a doctor, but you wouldn't ask him about brain surgery.

Even though Mr. Levitt has put together a panel of experts to explore controls on derivatives and the funds that use them, however, investors in the United States and globally, for that matter — would be wisest to watch out for themselves.

Why? Because educating oneself about complex financial instruments is a much better way to protect an investment than lying on regulators to do it for you. If you take that step, you can explore which funds use which types of derivatives, and to what extent, and then make your own informed decision on whether to invest.

If you don't bother to learn about things yourself, you might end up like one of those people who gets sick from eating too many oustries and then sues the bakery for making them so irresistible.

And no one wants to end up like that.

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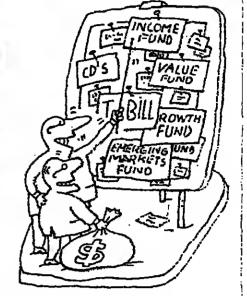
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Still-Tepid Deposit Rates Heating Up Stampede to Income Funds

By Barbara Wali

HE WORD from many on Wall Street, in The City and in other financial centers is that the dash from cash into bonds or equity plays should continue, despite the prospect of further modest interest-rate increases across international markets.

Indeed, one analyst at NatWest Securities in London said that even the most bullish forecasters do not foresee cash investments becoming much more attrac-tive in the near future. "With deposit rates hovering around the 4 percent mark," he said, "retail investors will continue to look for investment opportunities in bonds and equity income funds."

Adam Greshin, portfolio manager of the Luxembourg-based Scudder global opportunities fund, added that many market watchers are especially bullish on bonds. "Bond markets are looking particularly attractive at the moment because of exceptional high yields," be said. "With yields approaching 12 percent in Italy and Sweden, 9 percent in the U.K. and 8 percent in Germany, the investment opportunities are just too good to pass up.

Although bond funds tend to offer lower yields than buying directly into the bond market, they still look attractive compared to short-term deposit rates and money market funds. Scudder's international bond fund and short-term global income fund, for example, currently yield around 7 percent. The U.K.- invested

Schroder gilt and fixed-interest fund yields 7.6 percent.

Admitting that bond markets are vola-tile, Mr. Greshin said be nonetheless believes that the threat of inflation has been overplayed. "Higher inflation tends to follow close on the heels of interest-rate rises," he said. "But wbat we are seeing at the moment is higher interest rates discounting the prospect of higher inflation a prospect that is unlikely to be fulfilled. This unusual scenario makes bonds look very attractive indeed."

The arguments in favor of bonds may appear persuasive, but some professional investors say that caution is advised. Bond markets have been through a turbulent period and many bond investors have suffered as a result," said Robert Burdett, a senior fund manager at Berry Asset Management in London. "Bond funds are marketed as high-income, lowrisk and low-growth investment vehicles. However, over the past few years, only the latter claim has held true.

"If you believe in the low-growth, low-inflation story of the 1990s, then bond funds may be for you," he added. "None-theless, they should be viewed as longterm investment undertakings. The threat of creeping inflation is omnipresent and many of the markets still bave a rough ride

Mr. Burdett said he currently recommends direct investment in British government bonds, known as gilts, over bond funds. For investors set on funds, however, he suggested dealing with well-estab-

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lished investment bouses with international expertise such as Barings or Guinness

Flight.
"A strong technical team is needed to ments and political risk in the diverse and unsettled global bond markets," he said.
"Unlike equity fund management, there is no room in the bond business for personalities. Technical expertise comes first."

Leonard Klahr, a senior fund manager at Capel Cure Myers, the London-based asset management concern, said that U.K. equity income funds are currently in vogue. He acknowledged that the fate of equity income funds is invariably tied up with events in the bond market, but said he believes that U.K. equities should surge ahead under their own steam.

"U.K. companies have had great difficulty maintaining dividend payments during recent years, but there is now some scope for higher yields along with im-proved growth," he said. "Forecast yields are of at least 6 or 7 percent. Of course, the picture will be even more impressive if the bond market is able to maintain a strong

Mercury Asset Management in London, of total returns."

said that the United Kingdom is the strongest market at present. "We are under-weight in the United States because all the indications are that the rate of profits growth will slow down there," be said. "Continental Europe, meanwhile, is looking rather unsettled and there is serious concern as to just bow much of the muchvaunted European economic recovery has

already been valued into the markets." Indeed, large sums of money are flowing into U.K. equity income funds. During the first six months of 1994, according to NatWest Securities, net unit-trust sales in the United Kingdom totalled £5,3 billion (\$8.6 hillion), with £1 billion, or 19 percent, directed toward U.K. equity income funds. These funds accounted for 11

percent of total unit trust sales in 1993. Mr. Burdett noted that some equity income-fund managers use fixed-interest investments as a means of taking the pressure off stock selection. "As well as looking for a good investment mix, investors should concentrate on funds with consistently good dividend payouts," he said.

Heading Mr. Burdett's list of recommended equity income producing funds is the Prolific high-income fund, a U.K .authorized unit trust with a 20-year record of growing dividends. He also likes the Perpetual income fund and the Credit Suisse income fund.

Those funds have suffered the odd glitch in performance over the years." he osition."

Said, referring to the Perpetual and Credit
Suisse funds. "But they stand up in terms Capel Cure Myers says it plans to launch a new equity income tund within the next few weeks. The fund will be 100 percent-invested in the United Kingdom. with 20 percent of the fund in convertible securities, up to 15 percent in utilities, and the balance in equities. The targeted yield is 5.75 percent.

"As far as international equity income funds are concerned, investors will have a difficult task finding a fund that offers a high yield," said Mr. Burdett. "The U.K. and U.S. are the only markets where yield actually means anything. Most conunental European and Asian investors like to see their returns in capital rather than income, so any profit is immediately plowed back into the fund rather than

The average yield in the international income sector is currently about 1.5 percent, and half of the funds listed in this sector do not pay dividends at all, Mr.

"A notable exception is the Kleinwort Benson offshore equity income fund, which yields 4.9 percent, he said, "Also worth considering are some of the U.K.-based international equity income funds." Mr. Burdett said that, although money

market funds are looking a tad more attractive because of the small rises in interest rates, it is probably still too early to invest in them yet. "As these funds are largely invested in treasury hills and shortterm deposits," he said, "they can only perform relative to current interest rates.

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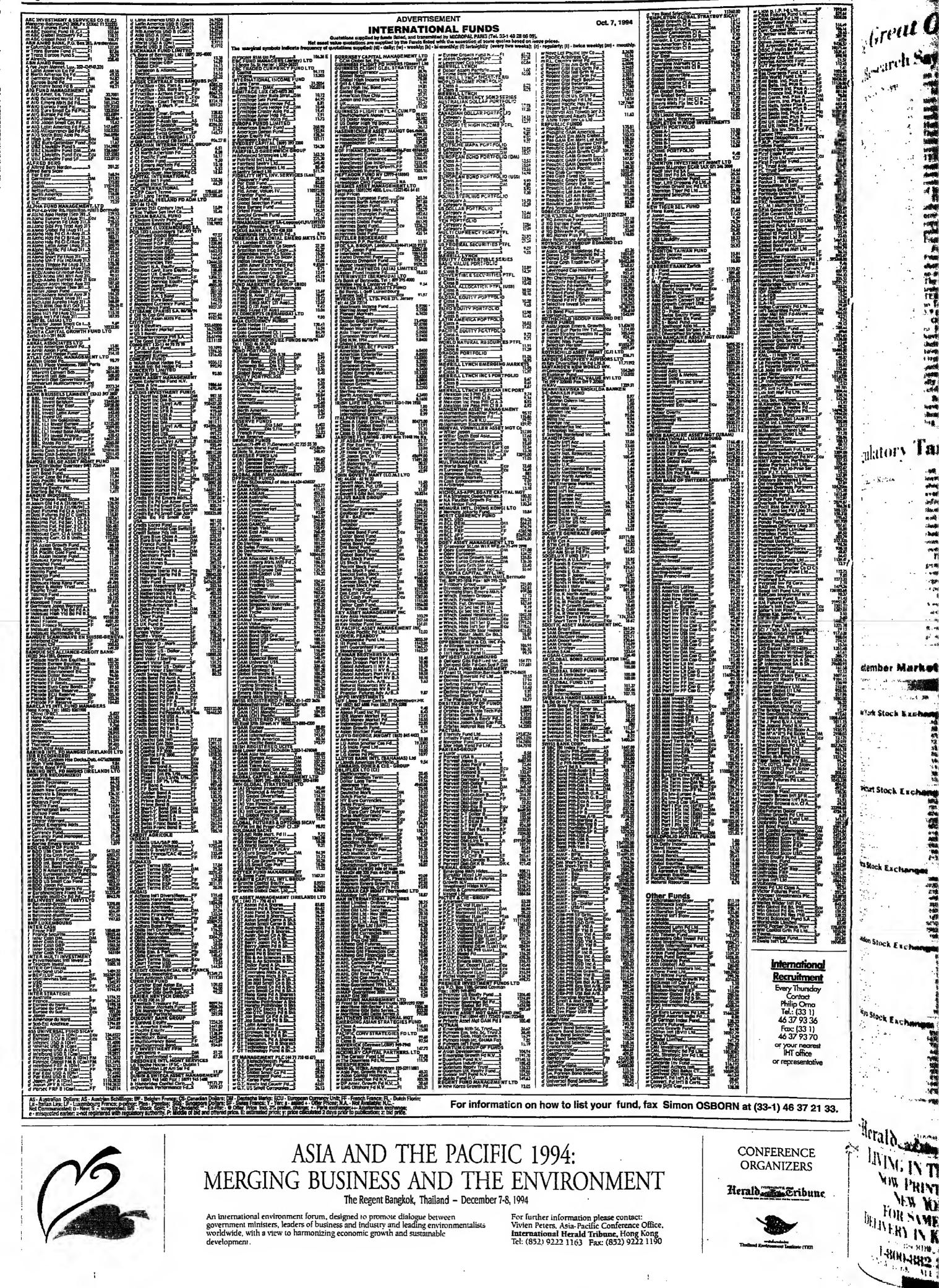
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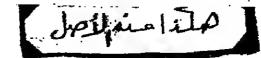
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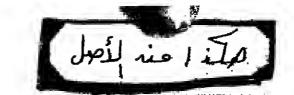
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The Great Offshore Cover-Up?

New Research Says Funds Understate Fees

By Christine Stopp

ECENT research concerning fees charged to investors n offshore funds suggests that published fees may be misleading at best and meaningless at worst.

According to studies carried out by Timberlake & Co. and Fitzrovia International Ltd., two London-based research and consulting firms, the true annual cost of investing in an offshore fund is on average twice the fee stated by the managers and may be up to three or four times as much.

The management fee quoted on an investment fund is the sum charged by the management group for making portfo-lio decisions. In addition, however, funds have a long list of expenses for administration, custody and audit fees which are often passed on to the investor hut not shown in marketing literature, suggests the new research.

The sum of management fees plus additional expenses passed on to investors, shown as a percentage of the fund's net asset value, is known as the total ex-

pense ratio, or TER. While additional fund costs are usually disclosed in funds' annual reports, some say that figuring them out in any understandable way can involve hours of work with a calculator.

By Judith Rehak

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The good news for investors, others note, is that this may now change, at least for Europe-hased funds, following ublication of TER reports by Fitzrovia and Timberlake.

Figures from the July 1994 Fitzrovia report show that offshore global equity funds have an average TER of 2.25 percent. The cheapest fund, the Bank of Ireland's Global Fund, has a TER of 0.63 percent compared to Templeton Global Strategy's percent

Offshore equity funds appear to be the worst offenders in baving TERs much higher than their quoted management fees. Invesco's Premier Select Global Growth fund, for example, quotes a management fee of 1.5 percent. But its total costs actually amount to 2.37 percent, according to Fitzrovia.

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> The publication of TERs has sent a chill wind through the offshore industry, as fund mansome cases, have been embarrassing figures. A number of managers have chosen to cap total expenses at a certain level, funding any shortfall them-

> Most funds run by Fleming Fund Management are now capped at 1.8 percent and the group is considering publishing the TER with other routine fund data. U.S. investors may already be familiar with TERs, as they are given as a matter of course in annual reports by their domestic mutual funds.

Fidelity Investments International is now capping all funds at 2.5 percent and, like Fleming, will cap new as well as existing funds. A common problem is that funds have high TERs just after being launched due to fixed expenses and one-time establishment costs.

Templeton Global Strategic Services has now capped equity Bond and currency funds funds at 2.5 percent. The group have much lower TERs, although even here there can be a big difference between the stream of the past has been the relatively small size of its funds, to figure TERs are taken from 224.3284.

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Ken Nicholson, Templeton's marketing manager, acknowledged that capping was partly response to criticism, although he added that high ratios were also acting as a drag on performance.

not always related to fund size. Richard Timberlake, chairman of Timberlake & Co., said that while many groups are "expecting the unknowing customers to pay" for small and start-up funds. "the economies of scale

hut adds that is changing since annual reports which typically appear shortly after the end of a fund's financial year, say that TER research can be misleading itself. By the time the research is published, they say, changes may have taken place in the fund that could have had a significant

effect on expense ratios. There are other problems in-The new research shows, volved in calculating the ratios, however, that expense levels are as well. Mr. Timberlake cited the inconsistency of reporting requirements in different jurisdictions as one problem for re-

He concluded, however, that "there is a sufficient degree of funds, "the economies of scale being enjoyed by the large and successful groups are not being significantly shared by inves-

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A New 'Getting to Know You' More Investors Are Seeking Manager Profiles

By Michael D. McNickle

HE ENORMOUS growth of the fund in-dustry worldwide has means, naturally, that there have been more and more management groups and individual managers to choose

How does the individual investor go about choosing just one? Is knowing the past track record of a certain fund manager enough? Or should investors dig beneath the gleaming facade that fund companies tend to put on their managers' performances? And where does one turn to find out such information?

Analysts say that an increasing number of individual investors are trying to find out more about exactly who will be managing their money before reaching for their checkbooks. Vola-tile bond and equity markets this year as well as the highlypublicized losses rung up hy some high-rolling bedge funds, moreover, have apparently con-

tributed to the trend. Peter Jeffreys, managing director of the London-based Fund Research Ltd., says that investors should indeed scruunize managers' track records. He noted, however, that curnulative total return - the most widely used performance benchmark — can be mislead-

The problem is that you can have a fund that looks good over one year, three and five years, but that in fact was bad over four of those years and just had one sensational year," said Mr. Jeffreys. "We try to identi-

Mr. Jeffreys said that instead of cumulative returns, his firm calculates composite returns by looking at performance for each year over a five-year period. This, he said, helps establish how consistent a fund's perfor-

mance is. Investors might also want to dig deeper into what a fund managers' stated investment objective is, Indeed, say experts, there can be wide differences in how much flexibility an individual manager is pernutted hy the fund company he works for, Some companies give their Investors in a U.S. fund must managers free reins to pursue

stand to fare any better with offshore funds? Probably not. Paris who advises Americans on will automatically describe himself as a 'top-down' manag-The result is that the IRS has er just because that's what his

Michael Porter, an analyst at fund, they must pay, in addition the New York brokerage Smith to the tax due on the sale of Barney said that some useful shares, an additional interest background information on charge. "Another nasty piece of fund managers can often be ob-One exception is Fidelity, the law is that it converts most of tained directly from the fund the gains into tax at the highest company. "Request copies or reprints of manager interviews that have been conducted by

will usually be happy to send them to you," he said.

Investors looking to check up on a U.S. fund may also want to start with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ple public reference branch in Washington, D.C., which will ver verify by telephone whether a fund is registered. Such a call, note observers, could be worth its weight in gold if it turns out that the fund is not registered and in face is not what it has and, in fact, is not what it has presented itself to be.

Background information that the SEC will provide includes funds' original registration statements, prospectuses, and annual reports. A keen reading these documents can yield information both on the fund manager and details on the kinds of investments the fund has stated it intends to make.

The same general approach applies to any global locale, note analysts, not just in the United States, Mike Allo, marketing manager for the Jersey, Channel Islands-based Perpetual Unit Trust, said that an individual interested in a Channel Islands fund need only contact the offshore domicile's Financial Services Department, a regulatory agency, to find out if the fund is properly registered and whether there have been any complaints made about it.

Industry analysts also say that finding pertinent backound information on a specific portfolio manager can require persistence on the part of investors. Fund companies, some say, sometimes try to obscure who the manager actually

Jeffrey R. Kelley, associate editor of Morningstar Mutual Funds in Chicago, said he has experienced situations where a manager with whom he was fa-miliar has left a fund, immediately after which someone else from the fund company has telephoned, identifying himself as the same fund's longlime

тападст. "We have to endure people trying to backdate their time at

the funds and things like that." said Mr. Kelley. Indeed, Mr. Kelley added, in some cases fund companies are reluctant to spotlight their managers out of fear that those who are successful will leave, taking customers with them. Managers

who attain star status and

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financial publications, and they ny, moreover, can present other

"Once they're in the spotlight," Mr. Kelley said, "if you have a bad year, it's going to be that much more obvious to peo-

Mr. Kelley suggested that investors interested in finding out about a fund manager start by investigating how long he has been with the fund, and then check to make sure the fund is the same type as the ones on which his overall track record is

hased. Clues to a fund manager's thinking, note other analysts, may also be found in sharcholder letters. Letters written by the portfolio manager himself, as opposed to by public-relations personnel, some say, typically offer a fairly candid view of what has gone right with the fund and what has not. A fund manager that sends out a fluffy letter emphasizing a spectacular stock pick, for example, might fail to mention that only a tiny percentage of the fund's assets

ere invested in it. Background information on portfolio manager can also become obsolete if the manager changes his investment style. Mark Adorian, managing direc-tor of Micropal, the London-based, fund-monitoring concern, said that investors should ask: "Has that manager changed in respect to his objectives during the time he's man-

aged that fund?" Mr. Adorian also noted that while many individual investors select funds based largely on total returns, there are other nteasures they may want to con-

"If the investor is going to take a hit more care he ought to look at how that fund got that return, at what level of risk, and what has been what I call the 'maximum drawdown.' " said Mr. Adorian. "In other words, what is the maximum amount of money you could have lost in that fund if you had bought and sold the fund at the worst

Another important factor, sources say, concerns the extent to which a manager's performance has been buoyed or hurr hy general market conditions. A manager whose fund has gained 10 percent during a period when the market sector targeted hy the fund has gained 20 percent, for example, might not be the genius that his employer might try to pass him off as.

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funds they've already bought through us, but they can't buy new U.S. mutual funds," said A partial solution to the prob-Tom Taggart, a spokesman for Schwah, "But that may change," he continued, noting that Schwab is looking at ways to pay taxes annually; hut. "in investments as they see fit accommodate its U.S. customers most European funds, you only while others require stricter adoverseas more efficiently.

Does the American expatriate obstacle comes into play: If an off-shore fund has more than 100 Americans as shareholders, the U.S. Securities & Exchange Commission can require it to register as a U.S. fund, raising a host of tax and regulatory issues.

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Swimmer Captures 3d Gold

Chinese Woman Also Sets Record

The Associated Press

HIROSHIMA, Japan - The Chinese swimming star Lu Bin clipped the world record in the women's 200-meter individual medley Friday and other Chinese athletes added to their country's commanding lead in the Asian Games medals table. India won its first gold of the Games by hlanking Indonesia in

the men's team tennis final. In their hattle for second place in the medals race — far hehind China's 54 golds -South Korea and Japan each picked up three golds and were tied at 20.

The Chinese captured 11 golds -six in swimming, where their women remain unbeaten after 12 races, two in weightlifting, and ooe each in fencing, shooting and softball.

South Korea won two in shooting and one in women's volleyball. Japan won its gold in the equestrian, swimming and shooting competitions.

China has 97 medals in all, to 72 for Japan, 40 for South Korea and 15 each for Kazakhstan and Taiwan.

Lu hrought her own medal count to three golds and two silvers, leaving the competitioo far behind in the 200-meter individual medley. She earlier bad woo gold in the women's 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay. and silver in the 100 freestyle and 100 hackstroke.

Lu, world champion in the 200 medley, won in 2 minutes. Bin of China broke the games 11.57 seconds, breaking the re-record in the 50 freestyle in cord of 2:11.65 set by her team- 22.76 effort. Kazakhstan's the 64- and 70-kilogram titles



Iranian women taking aim in the air-rifle contest Friday at the Asian Games. South Korea's Lee Eun Ju won the event.

In the women's 800 freestyle, women's volleyhall gold hy 6-year-old Luo Ping only held trouncing Taiwan, 15-1, 15-11, ack in the first few laps, estab-16-year-old Luo Ping only held back in the first few laps, establisbed a comfortable lead by game midpoint and then had the race to herself as she hroke her own Asian record in 8:31.57. She had set the old mark of 8:32.40 last month at the World Cham-

pionships in Rome.

The Chinese picked up two golds in the men's 200-meter butterfly when Xue Wei and when hutterfly bronze.

Japan scored the only hreak fly specialist Jiang Chengji got team fencing gold. in China's mastery in the pool the bronze in 23.24. The previ- Japanese riders

The South Koreans added triumphs in women's air rifle shooting as Lee Eun Ju took the individual title and helped her team win gold, too.

Japan and China split honors Her teammate Zhou Guan- in the men's free pistol event. A bin captured the silver in Japanese policeman, Masaru 8:31.57 and Japan's Tomoko Nakashige, won the individual gold, but China took the team

India's gold in tennis came when Asif Ismail downed Indo-Zhang Bin touched the wall in nesia's Suwandi, 6-1, 6-7 (6-8), 6an identical 2:01.47. Third in 3, and Leander Paes druhbed 2:01.64 was Japan's Mitsuharu Benny Wijaya, 6-1, 6-3. Zeeshan Takane, who had woo the 100 Ali Syed and Gaurav Natekar edged Wiryawan Sugiharto and A race later, unheralded Hu Donny Susetio, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, in the doubles.

The Chinese also won both mate Lin Li at the 1992 Barce-lona Olympics. Alexei Hovrin captured the sil-wer in 23.12 and China's hutter-Japan 9-2 for the women's foil

Japanese riders picked up Friday when Hajime Itol won ous record, set at the 1990 Beijtheir third gold in the equestricing Games, had stood at 22.99. South Korea clinched the jumping event.

Soccer Player on Thai Team

Fails Drug Test at Games Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

HIROSHIMA, Japan — A Thai soccer player has become the first competitor at the Asian Games to test positive for drugs, a spokesman for the Asian Football Conference said

Thai officials said the player was a senior member of the team and that he had been expelled from the athletes village and was already on his way home to Thailand.

"We will be making a statement on a Thai player's drug use oo Saturday," a conference spokesman said.

The player was identified by Japan's Kyodo News Service as the defender Sirisak Kadalee.

In Thailand, a radio station, quoting Thai officials, said amphetamines were found in the 20-year-old player's urine sample after Thailand's 2-1 loss to Hong Kong on Monday. Thailand played without him on Friday in its 5-4 loss to

About 30 athletes have been tested since the Asian Games started last Sunday and the Thai player was the first to test

The winner of each event and three others selected at random are given drug tests. The samples are sent to a laboratory in Tokyo for analysis.

(Reuters, AP)

Early Battle for the AFC East New York Times Service DOLPHINS (4-1) AT BILLS (3-2): Key stats: ruce Smith leads the AFC in sacks with seven, the last three games at Rich Stadium, Dan rino bas thrown seven touchdowns are reeptions. The service of the AFC in sacks with seven, the last three games at Rich Stadium, Dan rino bas thrown seven touchdowns are reeptions.

Comments: This game is for early supremacy in the AFC East. Home field means oothiog; the visiting team has won the last six meetings.

NFL MATCHUPS

Thurman Thomas may return from a knee injury that sidelined him for last week's game. The Dolphins are still searching for a rushing attack. Oddsmakers favor the Bills by 2½ points.

COLTS (2-3) AT JETS (2-3): Key stats: Of the 10 times the Colts have been inside an opponent's 20-yard lines, they have scored nine touchdowns. Jets have given up eight rushing touchdowns this year.

Comments: The Jets have hit another one of their seasonal swoons. Fortunately it's still early in the season. Unfortunately, they have to play the Colis — a befuddling nemesis. Indianapolis has won five straight against the Jets at Giants Stadium. Jets hy 5.

BRONCOS (0-4) AT SEAHAWKS (3-2): Key stats: Seahawks defense has given up just six TDs in five games. The Broncos defense has given up 14 touchdowns - nine through the air. Comments: If the Broocos can't get a pass rush on Seattle quarterback Rick Mirer, forget about it. In the Seahawks' two losses, he has been

been sacked just four times. Denver has had n week off to try to halt their slide. Seahawks hy 4. RAMS (2-3) AT PACKERS (2-3): Key stats: Rams defense has seven interceptions in the last five games. The Packers defense has forced five

turnovers in the last two games. Comments: The last time the Rams won a game oo the road was opening day 1988. The Rams have been getting good production on offense from receiver Flipper Anderson, although running hack Jerome Bettis has been hot and cold. The Packers defense is teoacious and

disruptive. Packers hy 8. SAINTS (2-3) AT BEARS (3-2); Key stars: Saints 19 sacks lead the NFL (17 in the last three games). The Bears average just 2.9 yards per carry. Comments: The Saints still can't muster a rushing attack, but they're getting things done on defense. The Bears have gotten their offense

of few mistakes. Bears by 31/2.

49ERS (3-2) AT LIONS (2-3): Key stats: The 49ers offensive line has given up 1g sacks and two safeties in five games. The Lions defense has iust eight sacks this year.

Commeous: Either the Lions are going to get healthy on the 49ers or San Francisco is going to get well by beating up the Lions. Detroit can't get

Comments: The Tampa Bay secondary could be in for a workout against the Falcons "Red Gun" offense. Quarterhack Jeff George has thrown nine touchdown passes and he has several options to go to. Falcons by 6½.

CARDINALS (1-4) AT COWBOYS (3-1):

Key stats: The Cardinals have the NFL's No. 2 rushing defense, giving up just 66.3 yards. Dallas has the No. 1 rushing offense (154 yards a game). Comments: When two steam locomotives are

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on a collision course, a big bang is expected. Running back Emmitt Smith is nursing a sore hamstring. The Cards are hoping Jay Schroeder can continue to spark the offense, Cowboys by 14.

CHIEFS (3-1) AT CHARGERS (4-0): Key stats: Of Ronnie Harmon's 14 receptions, 12 have been for first downs. Chiefs' offensive line has given up three sacks in four games.

Comments: The Chiefs have swept the series between the two teams for the last four seasons. Even though they've had a week off, Kaosas City is still seething after getting shut out hy the Rams. The Chargers' pass rush is relentless, but the Chiefs' offensive line has provided good protection for Joe Montana. Chargers by 1.

RAIDERS (1-3) AT PATRIOTS (3-2): Key stats: The Patriots defense has 16 sacks and the offensive line has yielded just six. The Raiders sacked 11 times. In their three victories, be bas defense has nine sacks and the offensive line has given up 14.

Comments: Jeff Hostetler hopes he will be working against the Patriots defense from the first two weeks of the seasoo that gave up 77 points. In the last two weeks the Patriots have given up just 33 points. The Patriots offense has maintained its explosive clip and has scored 141 points in five games. Patriots by 3.

REDSKINS (1-4) AT EAGLES (3-1): Key stats: The Eagles have not given up a sack or had a turnover in the last two games. In the last three games the Redskins offense has yielded nine interceptions and lost five fumbles.

Comments: Now is not a good time for the Redskins to be facing the Eagles. Philadelphia is clicking in all phases, while the Redskins are listing like a leaky ship. Eagles by 13½.

VIKINGS (3-2) AT GIANTS (3-1): Key stat: The Giants have held the Vikings to an average of 13 points a game in the last three meetings. rolling during the last two weeks oo the strength Comments: Dave Brown was sacked seven

times by the Saints defense last week. The Vikings get just as much pressure on the passer as New Orleans, so Brown will be in for another

tough time. Giants by 2.

Open dates: Bengals, Browns, Oilers, Steelers.

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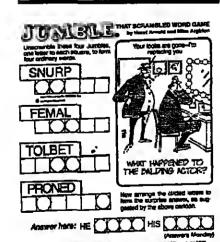
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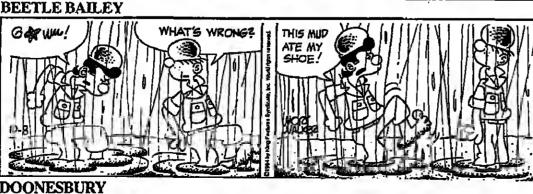
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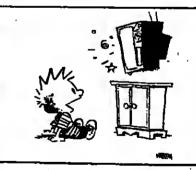




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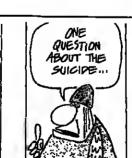






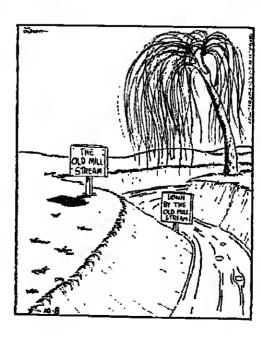
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By Robin Finn

NEW YORK — One down, one to go. If the conscience-laden, sponsorless women's tennis tour delivers on its promise to make sure its circuit doesn't become the Tiny Tot Exploitation Tour, we've seen the next-to-last debut by a 14-year-old phenom. The Czech-born Martina Hingis had hers this week in Zurich,

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where the hall was jammed. Venus Williams will have hers later this month, courtesy of the International Management Group, which was only too happy to

grant her a wild card for its event in Oakland, California, where agents from every management firm will take up where Don King left off and try to sign her as a client. (IMG drew the early bead on Hingis, signing her when she was 12.)

So for anyone who gets a kick out of watching adolescent girls perform for posterity and various other beneficiaries, thank goodness for the "phase-in" approach of the WTA Tour's new ageeligibility legislation.

That's what's making it possible for Hingis and Williams to work a full 12-event schedule at 14, if they choose. Plus attend school. Plus develop a healthy footing in their peer group. Plus give their corporate sponsors the time, energy and results for turning a healthy profit. Plus do their part for public relations; after all, everyone loves a novelty.

If Hingis and Williams weren't rushing into professionalism this year, there would be no novelties on the WTA Tour. Not next year, when 14-year-olds will be treated as 15-year-olds but prohibited from top-tier events and the Grand Slams. Not in 1996, when 14-year-olds will actually be treated like 14-year-olds under the new rules and become ineligible to play professionally at any level. No wonder the hurry to rejuvenate the game with some bona

Hingis, who dominated juniors, waited only three days after turning 14 to play her first pro match, and barely one victory into her new career she received a 6-4, 6-0 comeuppance from Mary Pierce in the second round at Zurich on Thursday.

How did it feel to lose? It felt momentous and lucrative, but not too momentous and lucrative. Hingis made it clear that the bigger pressure would rest with the debut later this month of her fellow 14-year-old, Williams, the player in the uneasy hot spot of being the first Made-in-the-U.S.A. phenom since Jennifer Capriati.

"I think in the U.S.A. that things are very different because there's a great deal of pressure on the players, especially by the companies who sponsor, and there's much more money at stake," said the German-speaking Hingis, who has evidently received high-caliber coaching for more than just her strokes.

Hingis said she was satisfied with her debut and ready, after two more European events this fall, to get back to school and the new horse her new career is feeding.

Pierce, who also turned pro at 14, said she supported Hingis's return to school.

"I was able to compete at 14, but I think it would have been better if I'd stayed in school," said Pierce, who played 10 events in Hingis's namesake, Martina Navratilova, president of the WTA

Tour Players Association and a longtime opponent of 14-yearolds in her workplace, was judgmental about Hingis's presence in Zurich, which upstaged her own retirement appearance there, an

indignity she'll suffer again in Oakland with Williams.
"She might be No. I in two years, but will she last five years?" said Navratilova. "She's very good for her age, but she's been proposed for the: they all have." groomed for that; they all have."

When they weren't discussing Hingis in Zurich, everybody was wondering why Williams, who holds no junior titles, deserves a wild card at Oakland. Rick Macci, her coach, said it seems pretty obvious. "I'm as

curious as anybody about her shot selection under pressure and her overall stage presence; I haven't seen it, nobody has," he said. "But with all the publicity and expectations, any tournament promoter would be able to sell tickets for this situation." These 14-year-olds make fine salesgirls.

In Pompano, Florida, Williams approves of the new age limits, saying, "I think it's very healthy for tennis because it'll help them take it slow and have long careers."

But won't it be too bad if she and Hingis aren't one of "them?"

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Couples Falters as Ireland Upsets U.S. in Dunhill Cup

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland -Fred Couples squandered a three-stroke lead as the United States lost to Ireland on Friday and left the door to golf's Dunhill Cup semifinals wide open

A member of the American team that won the competition last year, Couples was three up on Darren Clarke after five holes. But his putting fell apart after the seventh and he bogeyed three of the last nine as Clarke, who collected four birdies, shot a 71 to win by three.

That came after Curtis Strange had scored 74 to beat Paul McGinley by two and Ire-land's Philip Walton had pro-duced a level par 72 to down Tom Kite by four.

With Japan beating New Zealand, 2-1, all four teams are level on points in Group One and all have a chance of gaining Sunday's semifinal.

In another upset, Dave Barr sank a 14-foot birdie putt at the last to edge Nick Price, the PGA and British Open titlist, as Canada downed Zimbabwe, 2to give itself a semifinal chance. Barr's 68 was the thirdbest round of the day and he beat Price by one.

In Saturday's last round robin games, the Americans take on New Zealand and Ireland meets Japan. The top team in each of the four groups advances to the semifinal and final stages Sunday.

who both won Friday, will battle from Miguel Angel Jimenez,

Florida Court Strikes Down

Baseball's Anti-Trust Status

TALLAHASSEE, Florida — The Florida Supreme Court

In a 5-1 decision written by Justice Major Harding, the

court said baseball's exemption applied only to the reserve

The ruling Thursday clears the way for the Florida attorney general, Bob Butterworth, to investigate whether National

League owners conspired in 1992 to keep the San Francisco

It also may enable the players' union to file an antitrust suit

"Any holding which begins to apply the laws that applies to

everybody else to the owners are significant steps in the right direction," said Donald Fehr, head of the players union.

The court's decision was limited to Butterworth's inquiry.

But Justice Ben Overton suggested baseball's antitrust ex-

emption, which he said defted "legal logic and common sense," had outlived its usefulness and urged the U.S. Su-

against owners in Florida. And it may lead to lawsuits

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has struck down almost all of baseball's 72-year-old antitrust

exemption, with one justice saying it "defies legal logic and

Three. So will England and Australia, who both won for the second time in Group Two.

Both Group Four results were upsets. As well as Canada's victory over Zimbabwe Germany downed Sweden 2-1 thanks to Alexander Cejka's victory over Anders Forsbrand at the second extra hole. As in Group One, all four teams have the same points.

An American victory would have eliminated the Irish and made the defending champion heavily favored to advance.

Strange and Couples both said they putted "horribly" against the Irish while Kite went off to the practice ground "to try and find a swing."

"Darren played well," Cou-ples said of Clarke's perfor-mance. "But if I had putted well, I feel it would have been a different match. At one stage I was three ahead but, after that, nothing seemed to go right."

For a while Friday, the scores seemed to get better and better in conditions far calmer than the wild, windy weather that effected Thursday's play.

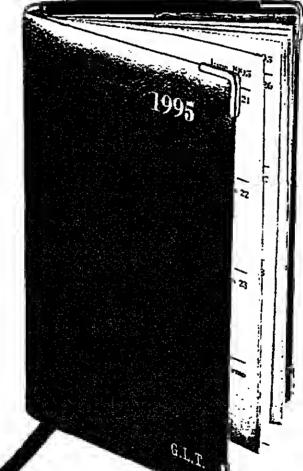
The best scores of the day, and the tournament, came in the Australia-Spain match. Steve Elkington scored a fiveunder par 67 to beat Miguel Angel Martin by three and Jose Rivero tied the match with another 67, beating Robert Allenby by two.

Greg Norman clinched a 2-1 victory for the Australians with Scotland and South Africa, a 70, winning by two strokes semifinal place in Group who bogeyed the 16th and 17th.



Darren Clarke led the Irish team to victory Friday, overcoming Fred Couples, who squandered a three-stroke lead.

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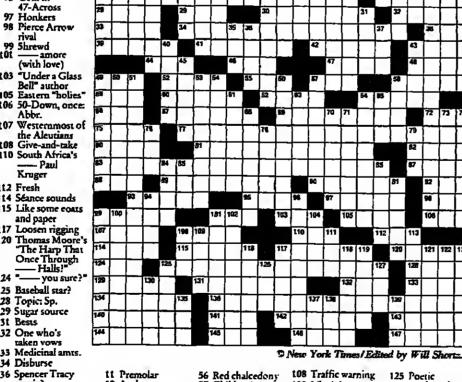
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have been involved in tour groups that walked briskly past some of the world's finest works of art. I own several hardcover books and have read "The Cat in the Hat Comes Back" out loud at least 400 times.

In short, I have culture out the wazoo. I just have never cared for classical music, because I believe that the artistic themes it embodies are not presented in a manner that is intellectually relevant for the modern listener. Take, for example, the following unretouched lyrics, written by Lorenzo da Ponte for the Mozart opera "Così fan tutte" (literally, "Annie Get Your Gun"):

Che sembianze! Che vestiti! Che figure! Che mustacchi!

rovertible conclusion: They are written in a completely for-eign language. Compare the seemingly deliberate impene-trability of those lyrics with the inviting clarity of the 1964 song "Mammer Jammer," in which Don and Dewey, exploring the complex depths of buman relationships, state:

Please do not misunderstand A while back I wrote a col-me: I am not saying that people alarming incident in Denmark

The okapi was in a zoo 300 yards from a park where opera the remote control with my feet. spokesperson was quoted as say-No, seriously, I happen to be ing that okapis "can be severely highly cultured individual. I affected by unusual sounds."

> Could opera, in sufficient dosages, be fatal to buman beings?
> The only way to find out is to conduct a scientific experiment, in which we would take a group of volunteer subjects — I am willing to courageously volunteer that these subjects should be scientists from the Tobacco Institute - strap them into chairs. and blast opera at them 24 hours a day until they are dead.

> Once this experiment had proved scientifically that opera music is fatal, it would be time to think about requiring that some kind of surgeon-general warning be prominently dis-played on Luciano Pavarotti.

Ultimately, we may have to ban opera altogether, along with these lyrics, the objective critic is forced to arrive at one incontrovertible conclusions. does not accurately depict naked women. I realize that, for taking this stand, I'm going to be harsh-ly criticized by the so-called "cultured" crowd. But I frankly cannot worry about that, because I have the courage of my

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Brickbats and Bouquets: Entente Not So Cordiale

International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Over the conturies, An-I glo-French relations represent to bystanders the unnerving mix of loathing and inextricable attraction that only the most difficult couples of one's acquaintance can achieve. The Entente Cordiale, it is clear, was

no such thing: It was just another appointment with the marriage counselor and clearly another visit is due. The Anglo-French folie à deux dates to 1066, shortly after which the Normans reported that the English

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had tails, and is in full paroxysm right now. A few months back, a pseudonymous French professor published a book describing the English — whom of course he said he deeply loved — as "the most dirty, hypocritical and bestial of races" while a London tabloid, railing against the EU president, ran a headline saying "Up Yours Delors" and advised readers to kick "the feelthy

French in the Gauls."

At a happily higher level, Le Figaro Magazine a few weeks ago accused Britain of bad faith in hanging on to the Minquiers, a chain of rocky isles off Britany that make the Falk-lands look like Palm Beach. And in last week's Sunday Times a history professor contributed an article titled "Do We Need Lessons from the "Do We Need Lessons from the French?" It was apparently pro-voked by a French report citing Britain as a model of decline - odd criticism, the professor noted, when the French Academy is engaged in such barbarities as abolishing the cir-cumflex and neglecting the imperfect

All of which means that the couple is getting along as well as usual. So well and so usually, in fact, that Paris is currently devoting two exhibitions to the British, disguising brickbats as bouquets. The occasion for the shows is the opening of the Channel Tun-nel, hailed by Swinburne in 1882 when there was little reason to think it would ever be huilt:

'Sweete enemy' called in days since at end, Now found and hailed of England

sweeter friend.

Asia



Nineteenth-century French caricature of an English family visiting a Paris museum.

has as its subject British art in French public collections and shows only how little British art of quality French institutions troubled to acquire. "French collections have little to boast of in this domain," grumbled an embarrassed Le Monde, labeling the sbow as one to be missed, while the Sunday Times was gloat-ingly gracious: "This is one of those shows where the absences are almost as telling as the presences." Point to

Great Britain. France scores better with the sec-ond show, at the Carnavalet museum, although it is also very weak. It is

The first exhibition, at the Louvre, siècle" and is devoted to English visi- cartoons in the show indicate, even tors from just before the Napoleonic wars until roughly the Entente Cor-

> At the start of the show the Briton is still the gross and carnivorous ras-bif, John Bull himself. He represents the crude and intrusive etranger since, as the catalogue points out, all foreigners were considered English, whatever their origin.

After the fall of Napoleon, a new curiosity arrived to bivouac with the allied troops on the Champs-Elysées: the kilted Scot. Like the exotic gi-raffe, which arrived at the Jardin des Plantes a few years later, he inspired called "Les Anglais à Paris au 19e fashion and awakened curiosity. As

Parisicanes never discovered the secret beneath the kilt.

As Parisians saw more and more British visitors the fat rosbif was re-placed by a more enduring image. The British are lean and gawky, with beaky noses and the teeth of an Arc de Triomphe also-ran. "Some are ugly or grotesque in the extreme, with heron's feet, stork's necks, always having the large white front of teeth, the projecting jaws of carni-yora," the historian Taine wrote later in the century in "Notes sur l'Angle-

They are prudish ("Shocking!" they say when confronted by a nude

pretty cocotte. Perfidious Albion. In addition to casual visitors, there was a growing English colony led by such art collectors as Lord Hertford and Sir Richard Wallace and by the extravagant Lord Seymour, who founded the Jockey Club. By 1891 there were more than 12,000 Britons resident in Paris.

For visitors, life focused around the Rue de Rivoli, at what was then Meurice's hotel and at Galignani's bookshop, which also published an English-language newspaper. English actors came over to play (while French spectators cried, "Down with Shakespeare, he's one of Welling-ton's men"), French shops offered such specialties as "mapple dum-plin," and French dandies took a esson or two from their English counterparts.

The English found Paris backward in that it lacked sidewalks until later in the century but their watercolorists thought it picturesque, leaving valuable impressions of the city as it was (French painters ignored Paris for more exotic places). An indelible French custom was apparently introduced by the British: "le shake hand." Anglo-French confrontations rose almost exponentially in 1855 when mass travel began thanks to the railway, Thomas Cook, and the Paris World's Fair, There were 40,000 British visitors, including Queen Victoria, and by the time of the 1900 fair there were 100,000.

By the end of the century the Anglais were a familiar part of the scene. a cartoonist's standby with their fluffed-out sideburns and frightful French. In 1899, an aquatint called "L'Anglais aux Folies Bergère" showed an easeful Sherlock Holmes figure, complete with deerstalker and

Like most peacemaking gestures between warring couples, the exhibi-tion is not without barbs although its good intentions in wishing to cele-brate the new harmony created by the opening of the Channel Tunnel cannot be questioned. But of course the celebration turned out to be premature. The opening of the tunnel has been delayed: it leaks.

WEATHER

Forecast for Sunday through Tuesday, as provided by Accu-Weather.

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THE British fashion industry named 1 John Galliano as its designer of the year for collections that included elegant outfits influenced by the Japanese kimono. Galliano, who won it for the first time in 1987 at age 26, received the award in London from the actress Joan Collins.

China's paramount leader and most revered living Communist, Deng Xiaoping, has been awarded a special prize for being a "Most Fortunate Old Person." He was one of 600 people awarded prizes for being "Superior Fortunate Old People," but only Deng received the "Most Fortunate Old Person Special Prize," a press report said. Deng, who turned 90 on Aug. 20, is not a man of noble character and high prestige," the China Business Times said Friday, "he is the most beloved among China's elderly people."

The first Beatles record ever broadcast is to be auctioned next month, autographed by Paul McCartney, and is expected to fetch about £10,000 (\$16,000), Bonhams, a London-based firm of auctioneers, said Friday. The Radio Luxembourg library copy of "Love Me Do," the record that

launched Beatlemania, was pressed for promotional purposes in 1962. Another rarity in the sale of pop memorabilia set for Nov. 26 is an uncensored interview with the British punk group, the Sex Pis-tols. It was recorded at disc jockey Tony Prince's apartment in Luxembourg in 1976 and could fetch up to 8,000 pounds. Prince spent three hours editing out all of Johnny Rotten's obscenities. "The result was a broadcast with 208 bleeps sounding more like a Morse code message than an interview," a Bonhams spokesman said.

PEOPLE

A nonprofit organization that says it belped Leona Helmsley check out of pris-on early is suing the hotel queen for allegly not paying her bill. The Nation Center on Institutions and Alternatives said she agreed to pay \$200 an hour for its advice and assistance between July 1992 and November 1993. The group says its advice belped Helmsley's lawyer get her tax evasion sentence reduced from 30 months to 21 months. The suit seeks \$52,000. But her lawyer says the bill was paid. "It's unfortunate that sometimes when the name is Helmsley, people try to take advantage," Seth Rosenberg said.



SUPERBOOKS - Model Claudia Schiffer was at the Frankfurt Book Fair with mock-ups of her "Souvenirs et Confidences" and a fashion tome.



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